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Sir Archibald Clark-Kerr's Alleged Instructions

AUSTRALIA INCREASES DEFENCE VOTE

Melbourne, To-day.
It is believed that the Australian Defence Council, at its meeting yesterday, decided to increase the 1938/39 estimates to between £14,000,000 and £15,000,000.

The Council meets again on March 18 to draw up a programme for discussion when the Ministers go to London.

The proposals are expected to include a new light cruiser, a naval aviation base at Darwin, and an increase in Australian munition making.

The Admiralty may be asked to provide a capital ship for Australian waters.—Reuter.

TOKYO APPARENTLY ANXIOUS TO BELIEVE REPORTS TO BE TRUE

Tokyo, To-day.
Despite denials, the story persists in political quarters here that Sir Archibald Clark-Kerr, the new British Ambassador to China, carries specific instructions for an attempt to mediate between Japan and the Chiang Kai-shek Government.

The suggestion is that Sir Archibald will make certain proposals to the Tokyo Government, through officials in Shanghai, which will involve Japanese recognition of the Generalissimo.

Tokyo, To-day.

Circles close to the Cabinet declare that the policy of the Japanese Government is settled and that no direct negotiations between Tokyo and Chiang are now possible.

There is, however, a belief that definite undertakings regarding the territory now in Japanese control would bring about a change of attitude.

SOUTH CHINA SAFE

Meanwhile, everything points to abandonment of all steps towards invasion of South China, and to confirmation of previous intimations that Japan is prepared, if permitted, to cease hostilities and to "stay put" in territory already occupied.

The biggest issue is recognised to be the future of Shanghai. Informed foreign quarters here state that this still carries possibilities of international friction. — Our Own Correspondent.

It will be recalled that the British Ambassador, questioned by the "China Mail" in Hong Kong stated categorically that he did not carry peace mediation proposals, though he would be willing at any time to act as mediator if the parties expressed a desire for his offices.

MR. T. V. SOONG

Hankow, To-day.
It is believed that an official announcement is pending confirming the report that Mr. T. V. Soong will succeed the Finance Minister as the Premier. Dr. H. S. K. Tung, — Our Own Correspondent.

SPANISH PRIESTS REPORTED KIDNAPPED

Shanghai, To-day.
The Japanese army spokesman reported to-day that Chinese guerrillas had kidnapped three Spanish priests at Sutung, and are alleged to be holding them prisoners at Luchow.—Reuter.

FOUR JAPANESE PLANES LOST IN KWANGTUNG

Shanghai, To-day.
The Japanese naval spokesman admitted to-day that four Japanese planes failed to return from yesterday's bombing raid on Canton.

The spokesman, however, made the claim that eight Chinese planes were shot down and seven more on the ground destroyed. — Reuter.

CHINESE REPORT

Canton, To-day.
Chinese official quarters state that five Japanese planes were shot down in yesterday's raids. Two were brought down near Nanking, one made a forced landing at Chengtien, and two others were brought down in the same area by anti-aircraft fire. — Our Own Correspondent.

NAGASAKI "AIR RAID"

Shanghai, To-day.
Enquiries regarding the supposed raid of a Chinese air squadron on Kyushu Prefecture, Japan, yesterday, elicited from the Japanese naval spokesman here that the "All Clear" signal was given in Nagasaki at 1 p.m. yesterday.
Nothing was seen of any raiding planes, though a large force of fighters was sent up to intercept them. — Our Own Correspondent.

ABDUCTED GIRLS SET FREE ON REPRESENTATIONS BY BRITISH CONSUL

The two Chinese girl students from the Peiping Union Medical College, who were "arrested" by the Japanese authorities at Tangku on a charge of being in possession of seditious literature and taken ashore from the British s.s. Yochow, owned by Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, were released within 24 hours of the incident, according to cable advices received by the local office of B. and S.

An official of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire told the "China Mail" this morning that the matter was taken up very strongly almost immediately, and, on strong representations being made by the British Consul at Tientsin, the release was effected almost immediately.

"The question of whether seditious literature was actually found within the possession of the two passengers, does not enter into the matter," the "China Mail" was informed in reply to a query.

BOARDING ILLEGAL

"We have gone into the matter before with the Japanese authorities and it is clearly understood that the boarding and searching of British ships, being in contravention of International Law, would not be tolerated."

"Occasionally, however, the Jap-

anese Customs people at Tangku take the law into their own hands and do board our vessels. — In every such case we take the matter up very strongly through our Consular representatives and protests are lodged almost immediately."

JEALOUS OF RIGHTS

"We are very jealous of our rights in this connection—we have to be. We cannot allow through laxity, a precedent to be set which might lead to unpleasant consequences later on."

Although no definite word has been received in Hong Kong, it is believed probable that the two girls involved in this incident were taken back to Tientsin, either by road or by rail and it is considered likely that they will continue their voyage, so rudely interrupted, by another B and S. vessel.

URSULA JEFFRIES BACKS A FAVOURITE

NOT A "DARK HORSE", BUT BLACK!

The racing goes on, and the Jockey Club at Happy Valley is still jammed to the gates. You now suffer from claustrophobia even in the wide open spaces! But who cares as long as life around you is throbbing with excitement and the scene is an ever changing one of smart-looking ponies (I always think there is something so well-tailored about a horse) and even smarter looking ladies?

Admittedly Wednesday was a very special occasion. Not only from the point of view that it was Ladies' Day and the coveted Ladies Purse had to be won, but also because the fashion crescendo reached its climax and black proved the popular favourite with many.

Fashion has frequently preached the gospel of black. Not that fashion wants to recruit a regiment of women in little black dresses, heaven forbid! It decrees that every woman should have a fling sometimes, and many should never have anything else, but those who can wear black with an air and the right accessories, can set a higher plane of chic than similar expenditure laid out in any other way.

Wednesday's collection of black dresses certainly found their way on the right backs, so I heartily endorsed black and backed it both ways. Then what do you think happened? The lucky winner of the Ladies Purse, none other than Miss Judith Smith, was wearing black! Doesn't that prove something? It seems that even fate was favouring the "blacks" that day. Perhaps she doted on that trim little costume Judith was wearing, with its crisp, frilly white jabot frothing-out from under her chin, and that chic little hat with eye-compelling veil. Yes, indeed! Black was definitely the order of the day.

TO MARTIAL MUSIC

I applaud, for instance, the military costume worn with such a martial air by the Countess de Coursonnes. It was a three-piece affair with pencil-slim skirt, a regimentally frogged jacket of velvetine, and swinging hip-length cape. The hat that went with it was flattering in the extreme, and retained the military air by flaunting a tall coq plume which waved enticingly in the breeze. For relief was added a white satin scarf which the Countess wore tightly 'round her neck and tucked in at the collar.

Miss Itala Chieri, sister of the Countess, also chose black. Here was a slim-fitting frock, the main beauty of which was embodied in its line and simplicity. High-necked, buttoned down the back, and a choker of pale blue beads hugging the throat, were other smart details. Dramatisation was introduced

into the whole by a high toque, luxuriously and lavishly veiled.

IN GOOD TASTE

Next I was impressed by the smartness and good taste achieved by Mrs. H. Donovan. I am growing very fond of capes and it seems that I am not alone in my fondness.

Mrs. Donovan's cape I especially coveted. It had numerous tucks on the shoulders and two slits in the front for the arms. The slits were banded in black Persian, and Persian trimmed the frock underneath in a panel down the front. A synthetic diamond brooch at throat provided a touch of scintillating sparkle, and the hat was a pill-box model draped in a veil.

Speaking of Persian, I was convinced of its smartness as a trimming on dresses when later I noticed that Mrs. L. Reidy's frock affected it too. In this case it was treated to form an off-the-shoulder cape—not the swinging kind, but one that appeared to be an essential part of the dress. A very happy choice was the wine-coloured accessories she chose for contrast, and complimenting the entire was a cellophane and felt mixture beret, veiled and tied at the back with narrow bands of black ribbon.

ENCHANTING HAT

I was enchanted by the hat worn by Mrs. R. Sanger. It was actually nothing more than a flat disk tied to the head to perch at a provocative angle, but the brim was most fascinating and consisted of fluting to give a fan effect all round. Three white flat flowers adorned the almost crownless crown.

Mrs. Sanger's frock was an exotic flowered print—the design painted in bold strokes on a black ground.

Yes, girls. Though there were other colours present and frocks I simply doted on, there was a noticeable preference for black. Black with white and black with colours, but always—black.

Among some of the others I noticed at the track were Lady Macgregor, Mrs. Jack Macgregor, Mrs. J. Wilson, Mrs. D. W. Wagstaff, Mrs. J. A. R. Selby, Mrs. T. H. King, Mrs. D. Armstrong, Mrs. H. P. Joseph, Mrs. D. L. Ballantyne, Mrs. J. W. Bundred, Mrs. Herlofson, and Mrs. Croucher.



Snapped on Wednesday at the Race Course. ("Mail" photo).

Breathtakingly Lovely

If choosing a new evening gown this season you've a delightful task ahead of you! Formal fashions are breathtakingly lovely. More than that, the just arrived styles are so excitingly advance they'll not only be dazzlingly chic now, but carry you smartly through the coming warm months.

If you've been wearing a sleek, svelte line evening gown all winter, you'll love the contrast of the new, floating, frothy fabrics, the bouffant skirts and the ethereal colours. Nets over taffeta, or combined with chiffon or lace are very high style. A great deal of pleated chiffon is being used in these new gowns. And prints, of course are a superbly smart choice.

New Gray Shade

Misty, delicate gray is among the newest evening gown colours and it is perfectly exquisite in floating net or in fragile chiffon splashed with colour. White is stressed by all the smartest designers and black, is of course always a sophisticated evening gown choice. And the new blacks in floating nets and crepes are stunning.

As for prints, I think the most dramatic of all the printed evening gowns are the bayadere, or striped-border prints in bright Tahitian colours. Most of them though are in dinner, rather than strictly formal fashions. Incidentally, although the decollete on the newest formal frocks is extremely low, a great many of them have little, accompanying boleros.

If your skin becomes irritated after using a depilatory apply a cream or witch-hazel and a dusting powder. In a few moments any sensitivity will disappear.

GOLDEN LEAVES

Gilded leaves can be used at any time of the year for table decoration. Single leaves should be laid quite flat on a polished table and arranged in a circle round the centre piece. They can also be used to cover dishes upon which are arranged fruit, nuts, or bon-bons. Any kinds of leaves will do for the purpose so long as they are collected in sets—those of the sycamore and ivy are particularly suitable.

First of all press the leaves well, in books or between papers placed under a carpet, till they are quite dry. Then lay the leaves on paper, and with a soft water-colour brush and a tin of ordinary gold enamel paint over each leaf, taking care to let the enamel dry before painting over the second side. These leaves last for an indefinite time, and can be used over and over again.

Learn Dancing With Me!

The New Diagonal Waltz By Santos Casani

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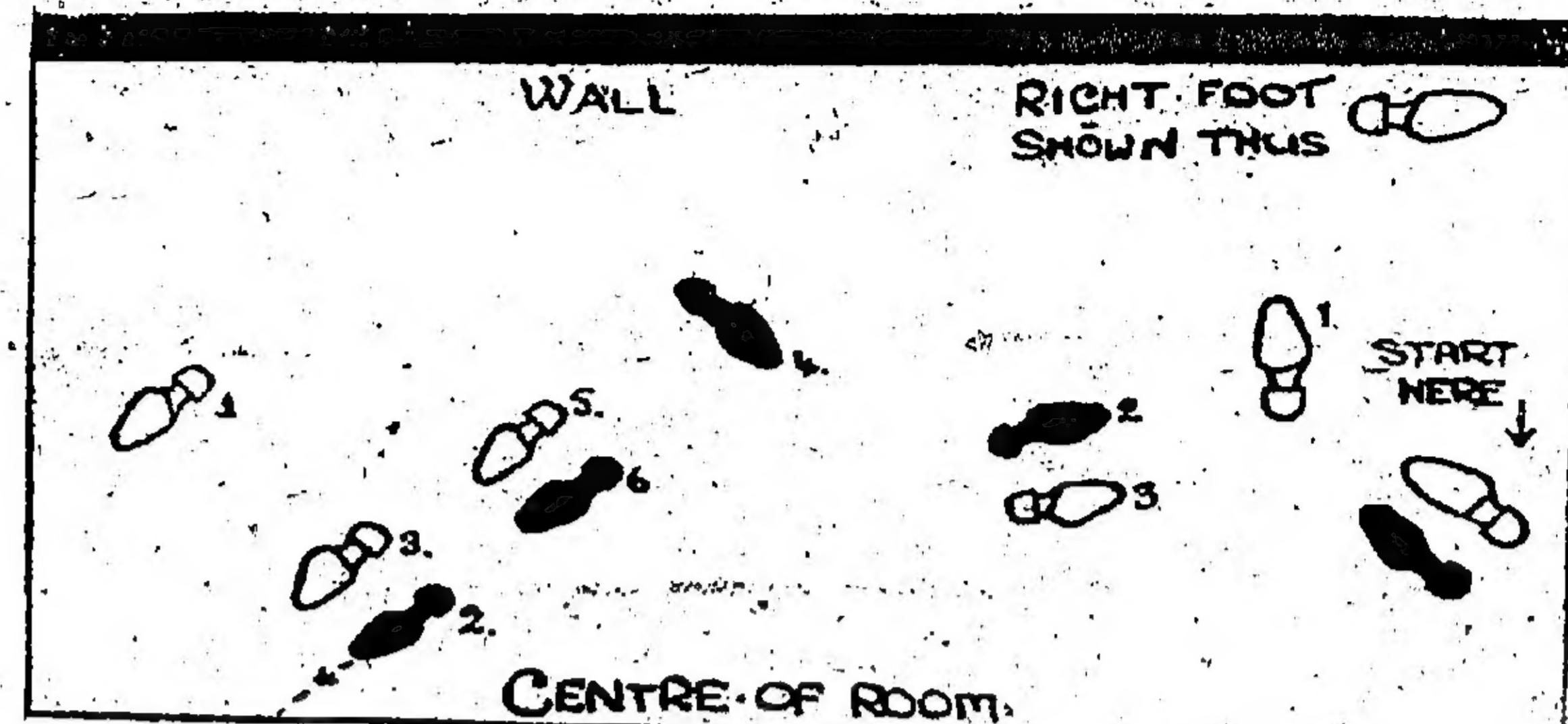
Many years ago the so called "new" Waltz, on being introduced into this country, met with a great deal of loose criticism on the grounds of impropriety. A discerning public, however, sporting enough always to give every new dance a fair trial saw more in the waltz than did its critics and the consequence is that to-day the waltz has not only survived in recognisable form, but is immensely popular. The dancing public was right, and, furthermore, told the critics unmistakably it knew the type of dance it wanted.

The Waltz, like many other dances, has passed through a number of phases and to-day, although the Viennese or old-fashioned Waltz is still popular, (and may I be bold enough to state I believe this popularity is due mostly to the enchanting music of several outstanding composers, the accepted standard Waltz in this country is now the English Diagonal Waltz. Proudly I state 'in this country' because the rest of the world is undoubtedly behind us in dancing ability. This fact should please the dancing public because the English suffer from an inferiority complex about their dancing. In my opinion, and I have had pupils from every country in the world, the English ball-room dancers are easily the most graceful and stylish dancers amongst the nations. In England and Scotland we have about a dozen couples who have tried in vain to win a British championship, yet we go over to the Continent and win a World's Championship without much effort.

In dancing circles there has been a good deal of adverse opinion during the past few years on the rival claims between two types of Waltzes — the Round and the Diagonal. Opinion has now decided in an overwhelming victory for the Diagonal Waltz.

Let me explain the main difference between these two dances. In the Round Waltz a turn was accepted to mean a Complete turn, whereas in the Diagonal Waltz a turn comprises only three-quarters of a turn. By turn I mean Circle. This reduction of the space turned in the 6 steps which comprise a Right or Left turn has resulted in a greatly improved method of dancing. We cover more floor space, the lines of the dance are equally as fascinating to watch as step, and the two halves of the turn are evened.

In the round Waltz, the necessity to turn a complete turn resulted in the partner who was doing the backward half of the turn having to lesson his or her stride considerably, and in order to enable the dancer doing the first half of the turn being able to step round in complete comfort. This action produced a slightly lop-sided appearance, as during alternate half-turns each part-



ner alternately gave the impression of doing all the work. We still retain, however, one or two of the more pleasing movements of the Round Waltz, but, naturally, only step them when their use will improve the lines of the dance.

Now let us consider a description of the new Diagonal Waltz which has become so popular in the 1937 ball-room programme.

The Natural Turn

Start facing Diagonally to the Right Hand Wall. To get this position correctly, face your Line of Dance (anti-clockwise round the room) and turn one eighth of a turn, 45 degrees, or as they would say in the Army, half right. Don't forget that the music is written in 3—4 time, three beats in a bar, and each step takes the same amount of music, namely one beat.

1. Step forward on the Right foot turning to the Right and rising slightly at the end of the step.
2. Step to the side on the ball of the Left foot, still turning.
3. Close the Right foot to the Left foot rising to the toes. You should now be back to your Line of Dance.
4. Step straight back with the Left foot turning to the Right.
5. Step to the side on the ball of the Right foot.
6. Close the Left foot to the Right foot rising on to the toes.

You should now have completed three-quarters of a turn, and be facing diagonally to the centre of the room. This position is equivalent to a similar position you would obtain by facing your Line of Dance and turning one eighth of a turn to your Left. From this position do

The Change Step

This step starts from the last position. On the new disengaged Right foot step forward diagonally to the centre of the room. If your practice room is small, come back and take up your position just past a corner. Do each movement separately until you know it well.

2. Step to the side on the ball of the Left foot.
3. Close the Right foot to the Left foot rising on to the toes. There is no turn whatever in this figure.

If you are in any doubt on any point please write to me c/o the Editor of this Journal, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope.

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Many sideboards nowadays, especially those made with handsomely figured woods, have their tops protected with plate glass, and an ingenious idea for the small dining room is a sideboard with the plate glass resting on side pieces so that there is a space of six inches between it and the cabinet-work.

This gives you two surfaces instead of one, so that the sideboard seems virtually twice as big. The plate glass, of course, comes in for most of the use and receives the splashes, stains or other marks which might damage the timber. But the lower surface is available for bowls, dishes, and everything innocuous and decorative.

Ideal Worth Developing

This idea of double-decker furniture is being developed in a surprising number of ways. There is even a dining-table with two tops, or, if you prefer to call it so, a table with a broad shelf just under the table-top. This shelf or "under-top" really takes the place of a side-table, and is used for plates, dishes, and items not in immediate use. The house-room which would be needed for a side-table is saved.

There is also a writing-table with an open shelf or deep recess just beneath the writing top. In effect, this shelf is the equivalent of an extra drawer, but if documents, correspondence, files, or magazines are kept here, they are handier and more accessible, because a long

Two-Deck Furniture

moving one's chair away from the drawer can only be opened after writing table.

In The Bedroom
Dressing-tables are being made on similar lines, so that the toilet



Anna Neagle as the Queen in Victoria The Great.

set may be placed underneath and the top used for occasional writing.

The double-decker bed—one bed above the other so that you get two into the space of one—is already fairly well-known, and an improvement on this idea is an upper and a lower bed designed as separate units. The upper bed is a little longer than the lower one, which can thus be wheeled out from beneath the upper one whenever desirable. This enables the beds to be stood against a row of wall cupboards without the latter being inaccessible.

Alternatively, an under-bed wardrobe can be placed beneath the lower bed, and everything needed in a small bedroom for two children is then compressed into the smallest practicable space.

Small And Attractive

Modern occasional tables, too, frequently have more than one surface, one above the other. Some of the most successful from a space-saving standpoint have anything from three to six or eight surfaces grouped and combined with wonderful ingenuity. Two-decker and multiple-decker furniture of this kind is not only interesting in appearance but convenient in use; it makes a small home even more attractive than a large one.

The fundamental principle which underlies this furniture is to be

found wherever you see two or three shelves set one above the other. It is also expressed in the monk's seat or hall chair which is converted into a table by lifting the back upward and over to the horizontal, so that it becomes the tabletop. The surface, which was originally the seat, then becomes the "lower deck" of the table. It comes in handy in a variety of ways.

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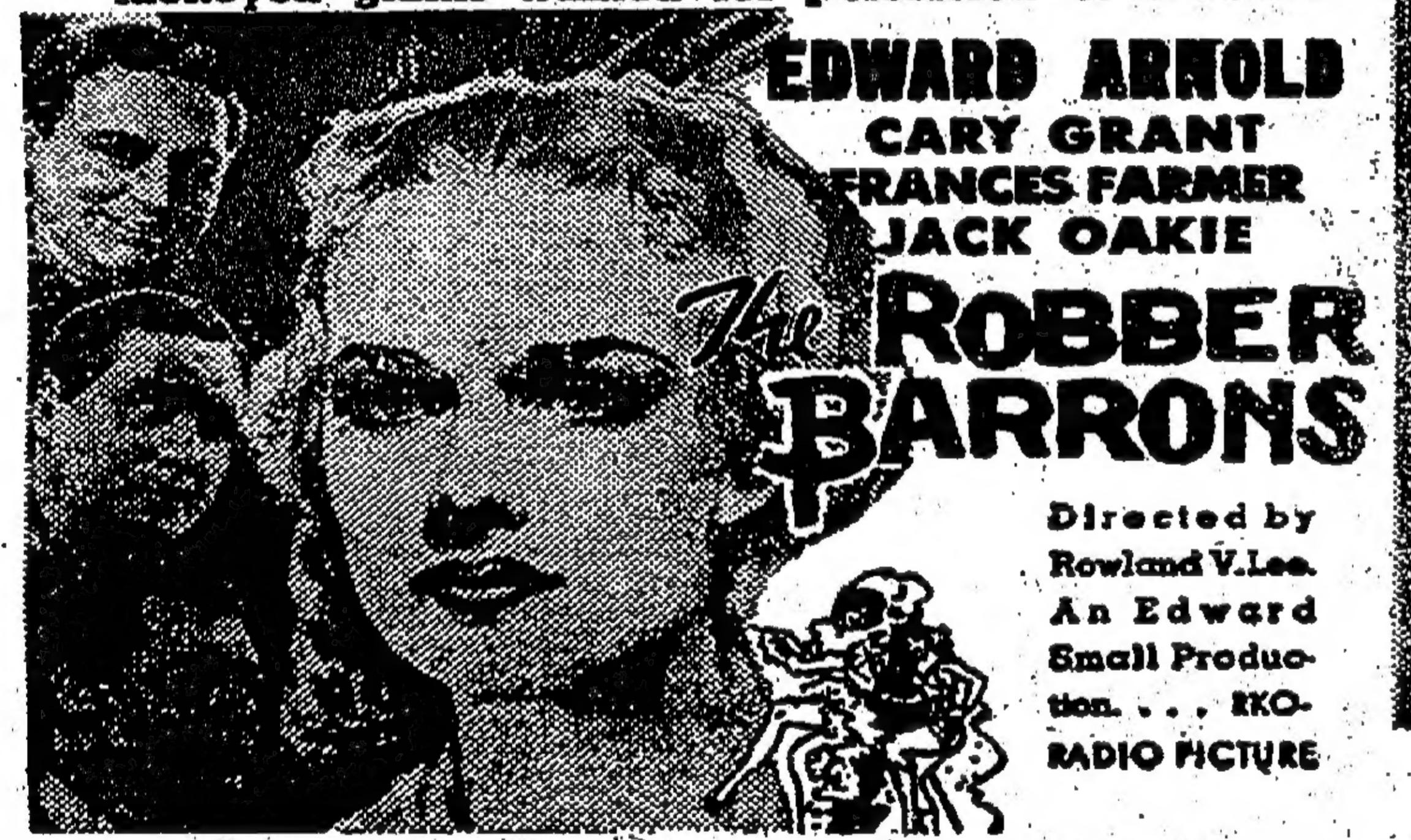
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in "VARSITY SHOW"HOME OF CHINESE EDITOR
IN SHANGHAI BOMBED

Shanghai, To-day.

Almost at the same time as the "Hwai Mei Wan Pao" was bombed yesterday, a hand grenade was thrown into the home of Mr. L. Z. Yuan, Chinese city editor of the American owned "Shanghai Evening Post and Mercury". Only very little damage was done, and none was injured. Mr. Yuan, who had received a number of threats from terrorists, left Shanghai recently for Hong Kong.

A dramatic gun battle followed the bombing of the "Hwai Mei Wan Pao", yesterday evening.

Immediately the bomb exploded, three Chinese policemen and a plain clothes detective opened fire on the two terrorists.

FIVE WOUNDED

After an exchange of fire, one terrorist was dead and four bystanders, including a woman, were found wounded by stray bullets.

Wild excitement reigned during the engagement, as pedestrians dashed for cover.

The force of the exploding bomb, which landed inside the vestibule of the newspaper office, blew out glass in the doorways and caused considerable damage to the offices, which are now being guarded by about a dozen Chinese policemen.—Reuter.

PICKED UP
BOMB IN
CROWDED CAFE

London, To-day.

The gallant action of Private J. E. Mott, of 1st Batt., Essex Regiment, in picking up a live bomb which been thrown into a crowded cafe in Haifa on Christmas Day and throwing it into the street where it exploded, has been rewarded.

The War Office announces that the King has approved the award of the medal of the British Empire (military division) for gallantry.

The announcement states the Jordania Cafe, Haifa, was crowded with soldiers and civilians when the bomb was thrown among them.

Mott, who was seated at a table with some other men of the battalion, picked up the bomb and hurled it through the window into the street where it exploded with great violence.

Private Mott's highly courageous act undoubtedly saved several lives and injuries to many of his companions, adds the statement.—British Wireless.

LORD PERTH IN
LONDON

London, To-day.

The Earl of Perth, British Ambassador in Rome, arrived in London last evening to receive his instructions with a view to the opening in Rome on his return of the Anglo-Italian conversations.—British Wireless.

BULGARIAN
POLITICIANS
ARRESTED

Sofia, To-day.

Fifty prominent Bulgarian party leaders, including seven former Ministers, were arrested yesterday evening.

When arrested, the men were holding a secret meeting in the house of the former Minister, M. Vassileff, were discussing alleged terrorism by the present regime in connection with the election, and were preparing a united protest to the King.

All those arrested were prospective candidates in the election.—Reuter.

COMINTERN
DEMANDS AID
FOR CHINA

Moscow, To-day.

Joint action of the Comintern and the Red Army for the protection of China and Spain are demanded in a proclamation of the Executive Committee of the Moscow Comintern on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the Red Army.

The manifesto declares, "Admiration and support not only from Bolsheviks in the Soviet Union but from the international Communism provides the Red Army with an inexhaustible source of strength." It is thus necessary for the O.G.P.U., states the manifesto, that the fraternal bonds between the proletariat of capitalist countries and the Soviet Union be strengthened and that action be taken immediately by an international revolutionary movement for the defence of China and Spain.

The manifesto declares, in conclusion, that the Red Army is the guarantor of victory to the revolutionary movement abroad.—Trans-Ocean.

THEFT FROM CAR

Mrs. D. C. McAvoy, of No. 602, The Peak, has reported the loss of clothing to the extent of \$101 from her car No 1959 while it was parked near the Civil Service Cricket Club yesterday.

Eden Resignation Debated In House Of Lords

London, To-day.

Mr. Anthony Eden's resignation was raised in the Lords last evening by the Labour opposition. Lord Addison (Labour) thought the Government's decision to proceed with Anglo-Italian conversations without the preliminary condition their Foreign Secretary considered desirable, was a risky and unbusinesslike proceeding and he expressed anxiety that there should be the closest co-operation with the French Government.

Lord Lothian supported the Government in the policy of trying to break through the miasma of suspicion which lay over Europe and to seek an arrangement to save Europe and the world from a repetition of 1914.

Lord Londonderry also spoke in support of the policy outlined to the Commons by the Premier on Tuesday.

Lord Allen and Lord Ponsonby were two Labour peers who welcomed the Government's decision of a new approach to European countries with whom there were difficulties and misunderstandings.

LORD CECIL'S PROTEST

Lord Cecil, who thought they knew as yet very little of the underlying causes of the disagreement between the Premier and Mr. Eden which had come to a head in the latter's resignation, protested particularly against the argument used by the supporters of the Government which implied that the League policy meant an attitude of negation to the just claims of any Power. It was utterly untrue to suggest the League was against negotiations.

On the contrary, the whole conception of it was that there should be full negotiations whenever there was a difference of opinion.

He declared they would never get union in Europe or peace except by establishing the supremacy of law based on justice.

He thought there had been a complete change in the attitude of the Government to the League since 1935.

DIFFERENT VIEW

Lord Brocket felt Mr. Eden's resignation would make Italy take an entirely different view of Great Britain and he welcomed the change.

Lord Teynham and other Lords spoke in favour of a Four-Power Pact in Europe.

Lord Strabolgi thought the Government had made a radical and serious change in British foreign policy which the Opposition must denounce, although they had no desire to see the quarrel with Italy pursued.

HALIFAX REPLIES

Lord Halifax replied to the debate for the government. He said that on January 10, Count Grandi conveyed to His Majesty's Government the earnest desire of the Italian Government to inaugurate the conversations suggested in July, 1937.

The whole Government, including Mr. Eden, were agreed that conversations with Italy were desirable. In the course of explora-

tory conversations the Foreign Secretary made it plain that Spain and propaganda were grave obstacles to the possibility of agreement. It was upon that basis that Mr. Eden saw the Italian Ambassador again with the Prime Minister on Friday morning last and it was only after that interview that the sharp difference in view between the Prime Minister and Mr. Eden manifested itself.

Shortly put, what the Prime Minister thought should be vital conditions of any agreement that would issue from the conversations Mr. Eden thought should be conditions precedent to the inauguration of the conversations themselves. Upon this immediate issue, Mr. Eden resigned.

BROAD POLICY

"Once the policy of conversations had been accepted, as it had been by Mr. Eden, and once the acceptance of such a policy was made known to the other party as it had been made known by Mr. Eden, and provided that what are the vital questions to us, such as Spain, were clearly pronounced at the outset as indeed they had been, then I am bound to say that the other questions arising which Mr. Eden had declared to be the immediate issue between himself and the Prime Minister seem to me now, as they have seemed to me throughout, secondary."

Agreement existed on the larger question of broad policy which is expressed by the willingness that conversations should take place. It is a fact that in July last no conditions were attached to the opening of conversations. Subsequently the late Foreign Secretary desired to introduce conditions which were perfectly reasonable.

AMAZED

He was amazed to hear some persons, who had held responsible positions, suggest that progress could have been made if, at the beginning, we had insisted upon the acceptance of a period of probationary discipline. He did not.

The Prime Minister also rightly thought that an agreement could not be achieved by those means. But the Prime Minister also believed that if an agreement was reached those conditions which had been referred to would, in fact, follow and that no agreement could be reached unless that were so."—British Wireless.

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JAPANESE ENCOUNTERING STIFFEST RESISTANCE ON LUNGHAI BATTLEFRONTS

Shanghai, To-day,

Japanese troops claim the capture of Kiasing, a town 15 miles west of Tsining, but all attempts by the Japanese forces in this sector to penetrate further southward to the Lunghai Railway appear to have been held up by effective Chinese resistance.

Meanwhile, increasing numbers of Japanese troops are massing at various points on the north bank of the Honan stretch of the Yellow River, but so far no crossing has been effected.

Japanese passage to the south bank, where strong Chinese forces are massed, would mark a new phase in the hostilities which are at present virtually at a deadlock except in Shansi, where the Japanese continue to hammer spearheads further into the southern section of the province.

The Chinese are trying to check the Japanese advance with counter-attacks but hitherto no notable success has been achieved.

HELD UP

At the same time no decisive developments have occurred either in the southern or northern fronts of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, but the absence of any headway by the Japanese suggests that they are encountering more powerful resistance than was expected.—Reuter.

RUMANIAN REFERENDUM INDICATION

Bucharest, To-day.
Rumania held a referendum on the new Constitution yesterday.

Voting was compulsory and voters were instructed to declare orally "Yes" or "No" whether they approved the Constitution.

Provisional figures show that 88 per cent. voted, only an insignificant number answering "No."

For example, in Bucharest, 226,504 voted for the Constitution and 277 against.—Reuter.

Wong Keung, aged 29, was yesterday admitted to the Kowloon Hospital suffering from injuries sustained when he fell off a lorry in motion in Sai Kung Road.

to be through a lighted joss stick coming in contact with others. The extent of damage was about \$3,000. The premises were covered by insurance.

WANCHAI FIRE

A small fire broke out at the Chan Yuen Ping joss shop, No. 99, Wanchai Road, shortly after midnight and was extinguished by the Police and Fire Brigade within 20 minutes.

The cause of the fire is believed



A slender young girl in white is aroused from slumber to be informed by the Archbishop of Canterbury of the King's death and her accession to England's throne. A scene from Victoria The Great, which is having its Gala Premiere at the Queen's to-night.

AUSTRIA'S INDEPENDENCE PRESERVED IN NEW ACCORD

Dr. Schuschnigg's Speech In Vienna Parliament

REMARKABLE SCENES OF ENTHUSIASM: NAZIS UPSET

Vienna, To-day.

The independence of Austria was emphatically reaffirmed by the Chancellor, Dr. Kurt von Schuschnigg, in his eagerly awaited speech in the Parliament building last night.

The Chancellor said the Government regards its first unquestionable duty to maintain, with all its strength, the freedom and independence of the Fatherland intact.

A German Austrian, he said, wants to serve the people as a good German and as a loyal Austrian, co-operating in the common destiny of all Germans, but within their own frontier.

The new Government aims without party ties at combining all political tendencies under an authoritative head.

MILESTONE OF PEACE
His visit to Berchtesgaden was a milestone of peace.

Austria stands and falls with its German mission.

Making peace after five years of civil strife was the sense and purpose of Berchtesgaden.

GONE TO LIMIT
Dr. Schuschnigg, referring to the Berchtesgaden agreement, said "We realise we have gone to the limit. We are certain that we can, and will, assure that this and nothing else can be its meaning."

Referring to the Jewish question, he declared that all citizens were equal before Austrian law, and shall remain so.

He denied that Italy had let down Austria, and emphasised that Herr Hitler had given assurances that no further interference with Austrian domestic life would occur.

SCUFFLES IN PARADE
After the speech, Dr. Schuschnigg headed a procession of 50,000, the most enthusiastic demonstration seen in Vienna for many years.

Groups of patriotic formations shouted "Down with the Austrian Nazis," "Butter Rather Than Guns," "For a Free Austria," and "Heil Schuschnigg."

Isolated groups of Nazis tried to disturb the demonstration, and scuffles resulted, but hitherto there have been no serious clashes.

Reuter.

PATRIOTISM FIRST

Vienna, To-day.
Main point in Dr. Schuschnigg's speech, which was broadcast throughout Europe, was Austrian independence.

He said that Austria did not recognise nationalism or socialism but only patriotism.

Dr. Schuschnigg said the aim of the Government was to realise the political heritage left by his predecessor, Dr. Dollfuss.

They would work conscientiously for peace at home and peace abroad.

He said the importance of the Berchtesgaden agreement was reflected in the interest shown by the entire world.

CONFLICT OVER

"We went the limit at Berchtesgaden and we will go no further," he stated.

The unhappy conflict between the two German races had been ended at Berchtesgaden.

There is no Popular Front in Austria, no Dictatorship, he said. "Do I look like a Dictator?" the Chancellor asked.

The principles underlying the Austrian state had been clearly outlined by Dr. Dollfuss, and now the important thing was to jettison all the old rival slogans.

NO CHANGE

"We reject all such conceptions as clerical and anti-clerical, conservative or revolutionary."

There was no justification in speaking of a change in the friendly relations between Austria and Italy. There would be no change in future in his own cordial relations with Signor Mussolini.

"We did not fix our frontiers of to-day, but what we have we intend to keep."

NO PARTY RIVALRY

Austria was bound by cordial bonds of sympathy to many other states, he stated, naming specifically Britain, France, the United States and Switzerland.

"There must never again be party rivalry in Austria. One must think of our people as human beings and as Austrians."

"The struggle for supremacy between conflicting groups must never occur again. What Austria needs to-day above all is tranquillity." —Trans-Ocean.

SUSSEX AREA SAVED FROM JERRY BUILDER

London, To-day.
Approximately 12,000 acres of downland and water meadows in Sussex between Eastbourne and Seaford will be preserved against building development for all time, according to an arrangement by the Minister to the planning scheme made by the local councils and covering an area of some 19,000 acres.

British Wireless.

FOREIGN OFFICE QUESTIONS

London, To-day.
The Prime Minister, answering Mr. Attlee in the Commons who wished to know who would answer Foreign Office questions until the new Foreign Secretary had been appointed said he would suggest that Foreign Office questions should be addressed to him as Prime Minister.—British Wireless.

FAIRY EXPLORER'S SUDDEN DEATH

London, To-day.
The death occurred yesterday of Dr. Thomas William Gann, the well-known explorer, who died after a short illness.

The late Dr. Gann had a distinguished record of exploration. He was in charge of the relief expedition to the sufferers from the Guatemala earthquake, and did fine work during the war.

MAYA CITY

He was the discoverer of the ancient Maya city of Coba in Northern Yucatan, Tzibanche and Ichpaatum.

He was in charge of the British Museum expedition to British Honduras in 1928.

He was, inter alia, a Fellow of the American Geographical Society, a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and a member of the Royal Empire Society. —Reuter.

JAPANESE PERMIT GOODS TO BE MOVED

Shanghai, To-day.
It is announced that the Japanese authorities have now authorised the removal of large stocks of goods belonging to foreign merchants here and which for many months past have been stored in the warehouses of the China Merchants Steamship Company and elsewhere.

Removal is, however, conditional on approval by a Japanese committee specially set up for this purpose.

Japanese authorities point out that a considerable quantity of goods stored have been destroyed or damaged in consequence of bombardments.

It will be recalled that shortly after the opening of hostilities in

The R.A.M.C. Association dance advertised to take place at the Peninsula Hotel to-night has been postponed until to-morrow evening, Saturday, at the same time and place.

Shanghai Japanese troops occupied the Yangtsepo district where the warehouses are situated. —Trans-Ocean.

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I ASKED a mother what she intended doing with her daughter when the girl left school.

She replied, in accents of pride: "I shall make her a nurse."

And she looked at me with shock-ed incredulity when I declared: "That's the worst job in the world!"

Mark you, it ought not to be, but it is. And I propose, here and now, to tell you why.

Consider for a start the young probationer. Her entrance to the hospital is no easy matter. She must fill in a long and often embarrassing application form, provide birth certificate, references, and a letter attesting her blameless integrity.

She must pass the medical examination, satisfy the authorities as to her intelligence and—in many instances—her social standing. And must finally survive the critical eye of the matron in a personal interview.

A formidable standard for any girl to obtain. And one which ought to offer to the successful candidate not only a reasonable immediate recompense—but a fair opportunity in the future.

Well, what is the recompense? On the average it works out at the pitiful, the beggarly sum of £25 a year. Think of it, those of you who spend more on your cigarettes!

For this pittance the young nurse must work desperately hard. Her spell of duty often runs to eleven hours a day.

In the week she may reach the total of no fewer than sixty hours—

all spent in dangerous proximity to deadly disease, for, unlike the doctor, the nurse is always in the ward.

She has lectures to attend, dozens of odd jobs to carry out efficiently, and she is even asked to undertake menial tasks normally entrusted to the ward maids.

In the older hospitals, for instance, probationers are usually set to "scour the brasses," and I have even known them ordered to polish the floors.

As to the diet on which this is accomplished, I know hospital food and cooking, and I fully agree with the remarks made by Lord Horder the other day.

No! The nurse's diet is not epicurean. And beyond all this—as though the hazard and hardship of this occupation were not enough—the young nurse must submit to a system of disciplinary training which is as rigorous as it is obsolete.

She is bound by a code of rules and regulation which might well serve the barracks square.

Far be it from me to suggest that all matrons are tyrants. Yet most of them in my experience, drilled as they are in a hard school, make admirable sergeant-majors.

Nurse must not do this and she must not do that. Let her venture to appear in silk stockings and she is sternly reprimanded.

She dare not exceed her "pass-out" by a single minute or she earns a severe rebuke. To smoke in her room is a deadly sin.

And so the taboo goes on.

* * *

And what of the nurse's future? If our junior survives her four years' training—and I can assure

you that many girls are returned to their homes, broken down, labelled "unfit for the profession"—at the end of that period, if she passes her examination, she becomes a State registered nurse.

Now, surely, we might expect her salary to expand to a generous figure.

But, alas! it is not so.

A wretched increase to something like £70 a year will be her reward if she continues in institutional work. Perhaps, with good fortune, in a few years she is appointed sister, with an extra £30 per annum.

Another step forward in this slow, heartbreaking progress.

The aim and ambition of every sister is to become a matron. But the posts available are proportionately few.

And so it happens more often than not that, after a lifetime of work and sacrifice, the unhappy woman is thrown literally on the scrap heap with no pension and nothing saved.

* * *

Perhaps you think this an exaggeration.

Then let me tell you that the other day I received an appeal to contribute to an aged and disabled nurses' charity.

"Many of our old nurses," the letter ran, "are, through no fault of their own, destitute and friendless—they are quite worn out."

Could there be a more painful, a more authentic indictment of the system than that?

Of course, a few plums may be picked in the profession. With luck a good nurse may secure an "outside" post with a progressive local authority or County Council where she will receive a comfortable

living wage, adequate holidays with pay, and even a tiny car—it is sheer hypocrisy.

"The myth of Florence Nightingale is dead.

"To invoke it now in the cause of Sweated Labour is sheer hypocrisy."

is often a motor-cycle in Scotland—to help her make her visits. And, indeed, there are other chances.

To be quite frivolous, I suggest that a pretty nurse may marry a doctor. And a skilful one may receive a nice fat legacy from a grateful patient.

But these, naturally, are the odd chances in a hard and grinding life, the exceptions which serve only to prove the rule.

It is not as though the galling injustice of the nurse's life went unrecognised. For years the pundits of the medical profession have shaken their heads and mournfully bewailed the nurse's lot.

Such nobility, they cry, such heroism and self-sacrifice—it deserves a better reward. We must do something about it!

But what has been done?

Virtually nothing.

A few hospitals have been shamed into providing better sleeping accommodation and recreation rooms for their staff. But in the main the same wretched conditions persist, the same long hours, the same miserable pay.

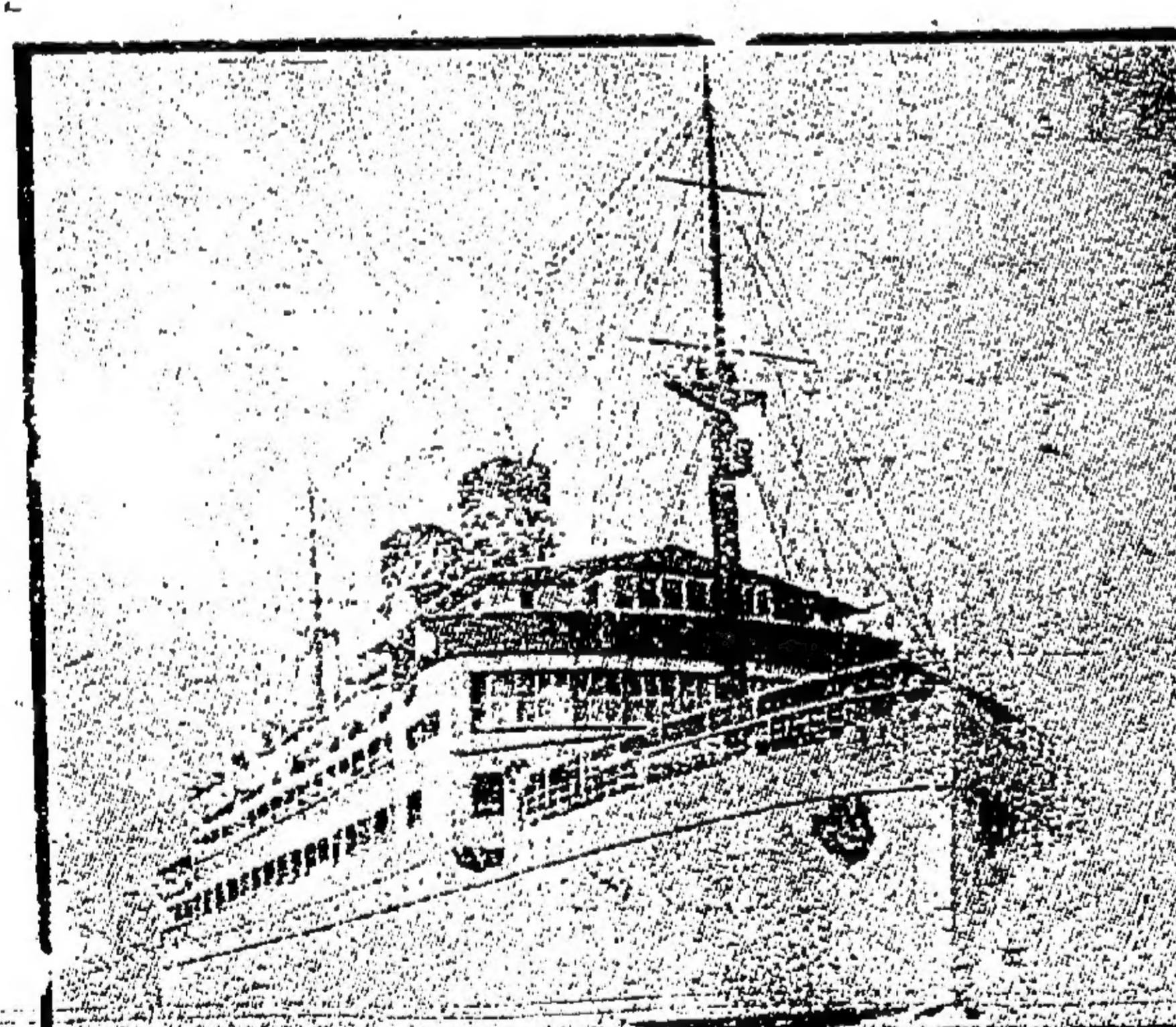
The days are gone when we can reconcile our consciences by asserting that the life of the nurse is one of deliberate immolation.

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Tommy Who Wanted To Join Japanese Army In Shanghai!

"I want to join the Japanese Army!"

This singular request, the *Shanghai Mainichi* reported in a featured story, was received by Japanese gendarmes from a British soldier, found by a patrol of bluejackets on Yangtszepoo Road.

Deeming the man's actions suspicious, the patrol took him into custody and later surrendered him to the headquarters of the Japanese gendarmerie.

Questioned by the military police, the man was said by the *Mainichi* to have replied that he belonged to the Waterworks detachment of the Second Battalion of the Loyal (North Lancashire) Regiment.

The man, who wore a private's uniform, said he arrived in Shanghai in November and, being dissatisfied with service in the British Army, had long ago decided to change his allegiance and serve under Japanese colours.

At the first opportune moment, the man was reported to have said, he slipped out of the Waterworks compound and went out in search

of the headquarters of the Japanese expeditionary force.

"Unable to comply with his request for enlistment in the Japanese Army, the gendarmes handed him over to the Japanese Consulate-General, which, in turn, surrendered him to the British military authorities at 11 o'clock Saturday night," the *Mainichi* alleged.

The man's name, as given in the Japanese daily, resisted efforts at transcription into English.

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HIGH HOPES OF ANGLO-EIRE NEGOTIATIONS RESULTS

Trade Agreement Expected To Emerge Soon

Mr. De Valera To Return To London Next Week

London, To-day.

British political circles anticipate that the Anglo-Eire discussions will result in a trade agreement unhampered by political difficulties.

It is gathered that this does not mean that any solution of the problems of partition and defence is in any way in sight, but it is thought that a trade agreement is near and will be treated as a separate issue apart from other political considerations.

JAPANESE HOPE FOR A DICKER WITH BRITAIN

Tokyo, To-day.

The resignation of Mr. Anthony Eden has raised hopes in Japanese circles which have always advocated Anglo-Japanese co-operation that it will now be possible to arrange Anglo-Japanese talks with the object of easing tension between the two countries.

The "Chugai Shogyo" asks: "Is it wise of the British Government to leave Anglo-Japanese relations as they are at present?"

The paper adds that it is not impossible to arrange an exchange of views.

If Great Britain, it says, would only recognise the actual position in the Far East, it would not be a difficult matter to bring about improvement in Anglo-Japanese relations.

Best procedure, the paper suggests, would be an exchange of views regarding the status of Shanghai.—Trans-Ocean.

Y'S MEN'S LADIES' NIGHT

The monthly "Ladies' Night" of the Hong Kong Y's Men's Club was held at the Chinese Merchants Club, China Building, last night under the chairmanship of Mr. Peter H. Sin, when an attendance of forty members and guests sat down to a Chinese dinner, the meeting being devoid of the usual speech-making.

An excellent programme of music was enjoyed after dinner, the items being contributed by Mr. E. Pellegratti in several cello solos, and Mrs. Sylvia Choy and Messrs. Stephen Burns, Li Chor Chi and C. Sipitsky in vocal numbers. Mr. William Geall contributed a couple of comic songs and humorous stories which kept his audience in fits of laughter. Mr. E. Gualdi was the accompanist of the evening.

Mr. Wm. Yinson Lee, Director of

The Irish delegation at present has tentatively arranged to return to Dublin on Saturday and to resume the discussions on Thursday next.

Mr. de Valera, the Eire Premier, will be busy in Dublin on Monday and Tuesday in connection with election of a new Senate, and will return to London on Wednesday.

ULSTER STATEMENT

North Ireland members who saw Mr. de Valera yesterday issued a statement that they told the Eire Premier that one-third of the counties of Northern Ireland desired union with the South.

The Belfast Government, they said, discriminated against Roman Catholics, and the British Government was primarily responsible for this situation.

Mr. de Valera promised to again draw the attention of the British Government to these facts.—Reuter.

FURTHER TALKS

London, To-day.
Following further talks among British and Irish officials on questions of trade and finance, Mr. Malcolm Macdonald, the Dominions Secretary, yesterday had an interview with Mr. de Valera, after which Mr. Macdonald announced there would be no plenary meetings of the two delegations that day.

Later, the full team of Ministers, apart from Mr. de Valera, participated in further trade talks in the House of Commons. Four Nationalist leaders from Northern Ireland called on Mr. de Valera to press the case against partition.—Reuter.

PREMIER SEES KING

London, To-day.
The Prime Minister had an audience of the King at Buckingham Palace last evening. Another Minister who had an audience was Lord Halifax, who is at present in charge of the Foreign Office, and who was at the Palace as Lord President of the Council for the meeting of the Privy Council held in the morning.—British Wireless.

the Y's Men's Clubs in China, on behalf of the Club, thanked the guests for contributing to one of the pleasantest meetings of the Club.

MANSLAUGHTER CASE SENSATION

A sensation was provided at the Supreme Court, during Criminal Sessions this morning, when Chan Chun, Chinese detective charged with manslaughter, who is provisionally at liberty on \$250 failed to turn up at the appointed time for resumption of the hearing.

After waiting ten minutes, a warrant was issued for his arrest and the jury was discharged.

A few minutes later, the missing detective made an appearance in Court!

Chan Chun was automatically arrested on the bench warrant and will come up for trial automatically at the next Criminal Sessions, spending the intervening period in prison.

It is understood that the detective, who arrived at 10.20 a.m., made the excuse that he thought the case was to be resumed at 10.30 a.m.

H.K. BANK MEETING

Shareholders of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation are reminded that the Bank's

COUNT CIANO TO DEMAND NAVAL PARITY IN MEDITERRANEAN

London, To-day.

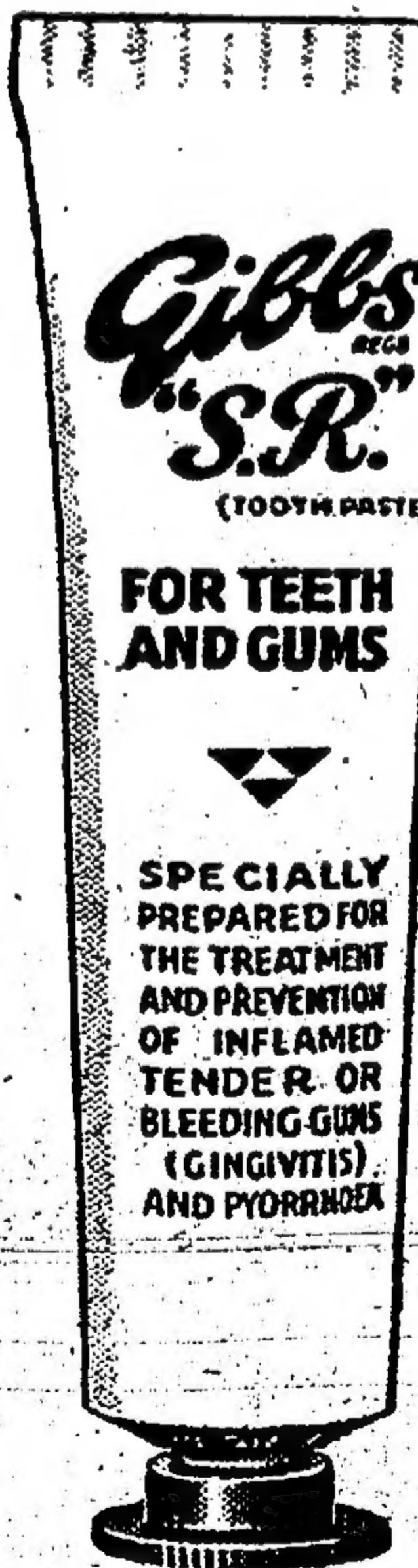
Naval parity in the Mediterranean with Great Britain and France was demanded by Count Ciano, Italian Foreign Minister, in an interview yesterday when he declared that Italy was willing to grant Great Britain the right to secure her Mediterranean routes.

However, he insisted on the right for Italy to protect her shipping lines to African possessions, thus involving the question of defence of the Suez Canal.

Although this information has not been confirmed it is assumed in informed circles that the question of parity and also of protection of sea routes will be broached during the forthcoming negotiations.—Trans-Ocean.

Meeting takes place to-morrow Saturday, at 11.30 a.m., at the Head Office of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong.

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**ANGLO-EIRE
DISCUSSIONS**

A straw sometimes reveals the way of the wind and the ability of Mr. Neville Chamberlain to spare time from the internal political crisis to discuss Anglo-Eire relations with Mr. de Valera may be assumed to be an indication that the excitement is subsiding and that the Premier feels his position secure.

Whatever other effect the Eden dispute may have, incidentally, it is more likely to strengthen the British Government in the negotiations with the Free State than otherwise, while the result of the Ulster general election also provides Mr. Malcolm Mac Donald and other Ministers with an additional weapon. It is generally admitted that the atmosphere and the desire for success have considerably improved. In fact, Mr. De Valera's personal initiative in the matter and his willingness to proceed further with the negotiations following the Craigavon tactics is a tribute to Mr. Malcolm MacDonald's tactful handling of the situation. Today, the prospects seem favourable for agreement on the economic issue and possibly also on the Irish desire to end Britain's right by the 1921 treaty of holding naval bases at Bearhaven, Queenstown and Loughswilly. But the unification issue is a far more complicated question and there is still some danger of its preventing agreement on other issues.

Perhaps the chief hope of concrete results from the conversations lies in Mr. de Valera's recognition that his best approach to wooing Ulster will be by showing an accommodating attitude toward Britain. Ulster would then be more likely to accept Mr. de Valera's assurance that he doesn't intend to coerce the North. If have us imagine.

Mr. de Valera takes this line there seems a chance for Anglo-Irish agreement on trade and defence, with partition left for final settlement between Dublin and Belfast.

Unity of the North and South is of course, the issue with which Mr. de Valera is chiefly concerned, for without an end to partition a complete understanding is impossible.

What, then, are the obstacles to unity? First, there are religious differences. Second, sentimental ties. Third, and by no means least important, economic considerations. Not considerations such as the coal-cattle agreement, affecting the South alone, but questions of wider import bearing on the trade of the North.

Ulster now enjoys free access to English markets. No tariff barrier checks the flow of trade. The North exists in as complete immunity from restrictions as any other part of the United Kingdom. With the South, the situation is different. A special customs duty is imposed on Southern Irish goods entering English ports. If the North agreed to unite with the South, what assurance would it have that its trade advantages would not at some future date be sacrificed by a State in which its interests were represented by a minority vote?

Here, then, is Ulster's problem. With this vital question is bound up the future of the linen mills, of the shipyards which have brought fame to Belfast, and of the small farms that dot the countryside and give strength to the industries of the North.

This constitutes the reverse side of the Irish coin. And to overlook or ignore it is to see but one half of the picture.

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The Hero's Chin

"The Times" has lately been taken to task by several of its readers for stating in a leading article that no hero in English fiction "ever had a receding chin." This, it has been pointed out, is to ignore that eminent Drone, Mr. Bertie Wooster, whose claim has been endorsed since by Mr. P. G. Wodehouse himself. Nevertheless, a cursory inspection of the corps of paragons reveals that Mr. Wooster is hardly more than the exception that proves the rule. With characters whose stock in general must be high, chins in particular have always remained firm. Even in works where heroes are but bric-a-brac among more solid pieces, they are always fine examples of chinoiserie. Latitude is allowed to noses, and occasionally, as in the case of Cyrano, longitude; highbrows and lowbrows both have a vogue; but in the matter of chins, authors, courageously taking the rough with the smooth, refuse to retreat.

It was Duncan's opinion that "there's no art to find the mind's construction in the face." Other great men have differed with him; and Wellington is said to have been guided in his choice of a staff by noses. It is a difficult question; but so far as chins go, one can scarcely forget that hero of actual life, General Wolfe, whose chin went no farther than Mr. Wooster's. Nor is he an isolated example: there are, it would appear, many more exceptions than the novelists would

BRITAIN READY TO RECOGNISE CONQUEST

Lord Halifax Defends The Chamberlain Policy

PRINCESS JULIANA COMING TO FAR EAST

London, Feb. 8.
It is understood that Princess Juliana is eager to pay a visit to the Dutch East Indies with her husband. Should she do so, as she may at the end of this year, she will be the first member of the Dutch reigning house to set foot on those splendid Asiatic possessions of the Netherlands for more than seventy years.

Queen Wilhelmina did not go to Java for a curious reason. Most of the inhabitants of the territory are Moslem and unaccustomed to acknowledging women in a superior station. It was therefore thought inadvisable that the Queen make a state visit.

BRITISH LONG DISTANCE PLANE MISSING

London, To-day.
A Royal Air Force plane which was practising for an attempt on the world long distance flight record, and which left Upper Heyford for a flight round Britain with three Air Force officers on board, is missing.

The plane was last heard of at 6 o'clock yesterday morning off Rothbury, Northumberland.

The machine is a Vickers-Wellesley, and the three occupants are Flight-Lt. F. S. Gardner,

Flying Officer G.A.D. Thomson, who was chosen by the Air Ministry for the record flight, and Sergeant George Hicks.—Reuter.

KOWLOON BUS ROUTE CHANGES

Several changes in bus routes on the mainland are to come into force as from March 1 while an additional service will be provided during rush hours to cope with the numerous office workers, according to an announcement by the Kowloon Motor-bus Company.

During rush hours, except on Sundays and holidays, a Route 2A service will be instituted running between Star Ferry and Yenchow Street through Nathan Road, Taipo Road and Castle Peak Road.

Route 3 which now starts at Star Ferry and ends at Kowloon City is to be extended to Ngau Shi Wan, while a new Route 3A will ply between the Star Ferry and Kowloon City, both running through Salisbury Road, Chatham Road, Wuhu Street, Matauwei Road, Prince Edward Road, Saikung Road and Kowloon City.

Routes 7 and 8 will both be changed so that on reaching the

Disappointing Result Will Not Prove Him Wrong

Defending the Government decision in regard to the Anglo-Italian talks, Lord Halifax declared yesterday that the Government was not prepared to let slip an opportunity from which peace might spring.

They might be disappointed but that would not necessarily prove that they were wrong, and he emphasised that British policy was unchanged.

In regard to Abyssinia, Lord Halifax said that provided the consent of the League was obtained, we were willing to consider recognition of the Italian conquest as part of a general settlement.—Reuter.

FRENCH ATTITUDE

New York, To-day.
The new French Ambassador to the United States predicted on arrival here yesterday that France would follow suit if Britain recognised the Italian conquest of Abyssinia.

He added that the resignation of Mr. Anthony Eden would not interfere with the internal policy of France, and the two nations would continue to co-operate for European peace.—Reuter.

S. AFRICA SATISFIED

Capetown, To-day.
Complete confidence in Mr. Neville Chamberlain and his stand in the recent ministerial crisis, was expressed by General Herzog, the South African Premier, in an interview yesterday.

General Herzog had nothing to say as regards the merits of the case concerning the resignation of Mr. Anthony Eden, but Mr. Cham-

berlain had his full support as far as the policy followed by him was concerned, also in regard to the way adopted by Mr. Chamberlain to execute that policy.—Reuter.

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Prince Asaka, commander of the expeditionary force, and Lt.-Gen. Yanagawa, commander of the Hangchow Bay landing force, who were recalled at the same time as Gen. Matsui, are arriving in Tokyo to-day. All three are later reporting to the Emperor on the military situation in Central China.

Gen. Matsui is submitting detailed reports on military matters to Prince Kanin, chief of the army General Staff, and the War Minister, and is also submitting important suggestions regarding Central China to the Premier and the army.—Reuter.

NO CONSCRIPTION

London, To-day.
The Prime Minister informed the Commons at question time that so far as the present Government were concerned, his pledge not to introduce conscription in peace time applied to compulsory service both military and civil.—British Wireless.

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INCENDIARY BOMBS DROPPED

Canton, To-day.

Incendiary bombs were dropped during the air raid by Japanese planes on the Canton-Hankow Line yesterday morning.

Several houses along the line were destroyed it is stated while four persons were killed. — Our Own Correspondent.

NEW PORT OF TEL AVIV

Jerusalem, To-day. A new £250,000 port for passenger ships at Tel Aviv was inaugurated yesterday.

Owing to a heavy gale, accompanied by rain, the landing of passengers and other outside ceremonies had to be cancelled.

Hitherto the port has only been handling goods and citrus fruits, but the Government of Palestine has now sanctioned passenger landings and embarkations. — Reuter.

Important Admiralty Plan For Shipping In Time Of War

London, To-day.

According to the Naval Correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" the British Admiralty has now drawn up plans designed to safeguard the supply of Great Britain with foodstuffs and other essential materials in the event of war.

These plans are said to be sufficiently far reaching to cope with all exigencies and surprises of modern warfare. Only recently the Admiralty announced the abandonment of the convoy system as a means of safeguarding national supplies during time of war and in its stead proposed that merchantmen should endeavour to reach their port of destination by devious routes.

OIL OR FOOD MOST VITAL IN WARTIME?

London, To-day.

The question as to whether oil or foodstuffs would be more necessary for Great Britain in case of war is discussed by Sir Henry Deterding, head of the Shell oil interests, in a letter to the "Daily Telegraph," which the petroleum magnate expresses the view that Britain should endeavour, in the first place, to increase her food supply in order to render herself independent of imports from abroad.

Production of oil from coal by the process of hydrogenation must according to Sir Henry, have the effect of diminishing the importation of oil, and this would in turn be detrimental to Britain's export trade.

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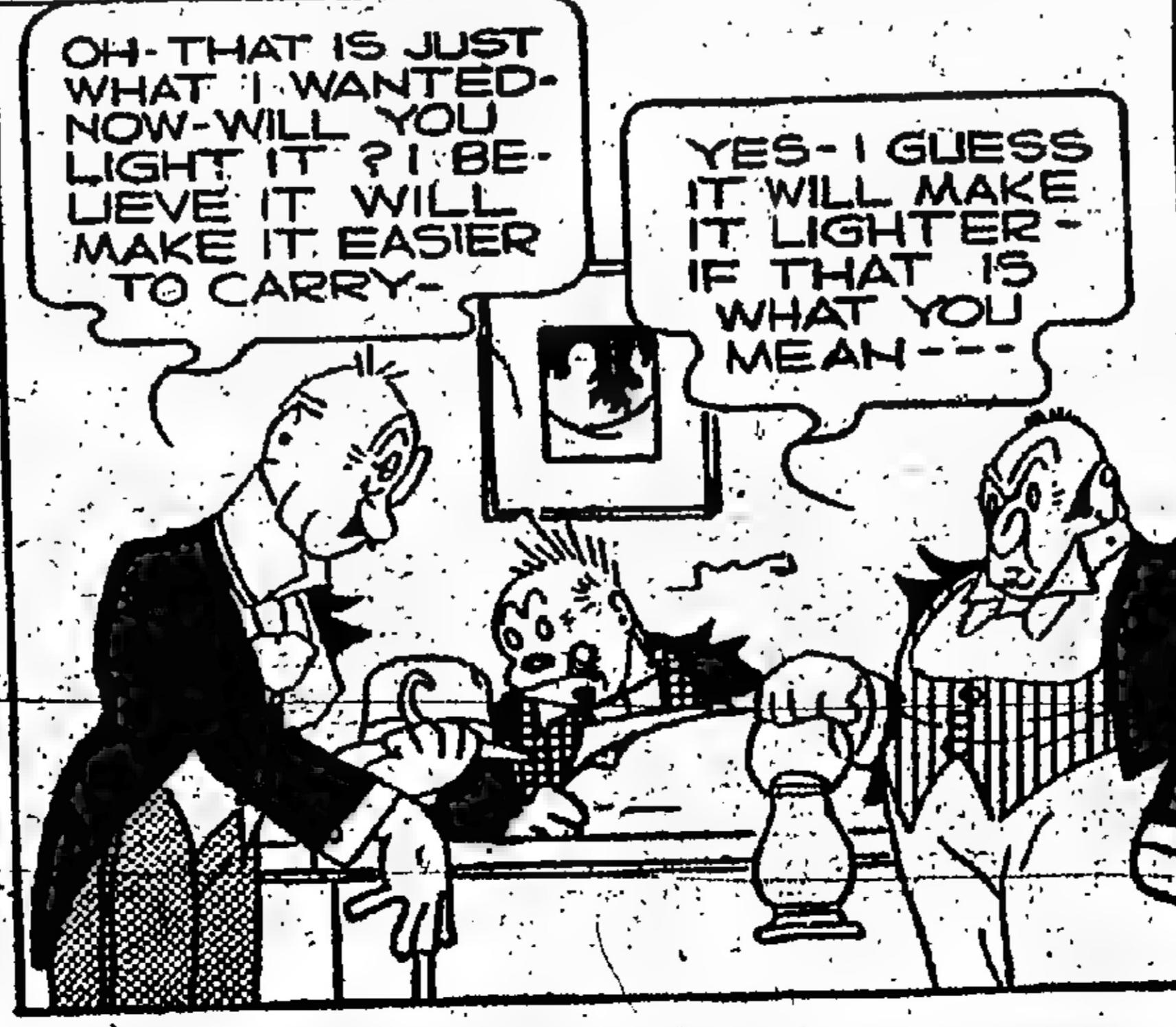
Sir Henry goes on to say that France, which practically requires no food supply from outside, would be in a better position to assure her independence in respect to oil by its production from coal, but it would be unwise on the part of Britain to attach more importance to her oil supplies than to her food supplies. — Trans-Ocean.

NO GREAT SUCCESS BY MR. SUN FO

Shanghai, To-day.

It is admitted that Mr. Sun Fo has not been very successful in connection with his mission in Moscow, but this does not mean, according to reliable sources here, that Soviet Russia will discontinue rendering assistance to the Chinese in the way of war material and military advisers and instructors. The Soviet it is said refused to go out of her way to help China, but promised to help China as much as possible without causing herself any inconvenience. — Our Own Correspondent.

Bringing Up Father



By George

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COBLEY'S LAST

IT WAS Goethe who said: "Let the shoemaker stick to his last, the peasant to his plough, and let the prince understand how to rule."

To Thomas Cobley—"Uncle Tom," as he was otherwise known among the hands of the Arrow Shoe Manufacturing Co.—the words had always held a world of truth; for, just as old John Yarrow, in steering the policy of the firm from the sanctum of his small and unpretentious office, had ruled for forty-three adventurous years as a king of his trade, so had Cobley stuck only to his appointed task and seen to it that the workers under him had done the same.

If he went out of his way to preach on any and every possible occasion that there was an "Arrer shoe for everybody"—well, his enthusiasm was allowable, harmless enough; and the five hundred factory hands who were all shod in Arrow shoes would support him in his belief. Or so he had always thought.

But there was one hand—a girl who had been no more than three weeks in the employ of the firm; a girl whom Cobley had to acknowledge was the most efficient in her work, if the most mystifying in her personality—who had other ideas. She had left the factory, that evening, wearing shoes that had been made by a rival firm; and Cobley, who was nothing if not loyal to Yarrow, had taken her to task for it.

The quick exchange of words, however, did not result in an advantage to him. The girl had merely whipped off one of the offending shoes, and held it out towards him, with the retort:

"See here, Uncle Tom, if old man Yarrow would only wake up and make something like this, the Arrow Shoe Co., wouldn't be so near to being driven out of business, and you'd feel more secure in your job. Oh, I know you're going to tell me that our shoes represent the highest possible value, that every stitch in them is done by hand, and that they're the shoes for comfort. But unless a girl wants to look like a hoyden she asks for something more than that. She wants style; something elegant, something chic. Well, you don't find that in the Arrow Shoe. What was fashionable four years ago won't do for today. Our designs are old, Uncle Tom; you know it, and there isn't a high-class shop that wouldn't tell you the same. I went to one last week, so I know what I'm saying." That firm's dropped off, Madam," they said. "Suddenly went to sleep about four years ago—just when they'd got all the business. It's still a good shoe, of course. But if you want something smart—have the Vandyck every time. Nasty, wasn't it? But it's best to face facts, and if you were to tell old man Yarrow all I've said you'd be doing him a service."

Cobley wondered. White of face, and a little shaken by the unexpected forcefulness of her words, he watched the last of the workers "clock out" at the end of their day, and then went slowly, very tiredly back to his corner in the factory, to think it all out.

He tried to believe that all this talk of the firm having dropped

back during the last four years was moonshine. More particularly, he tried to convince himself that it had nothing to do with the fact that Yarrow had, those four years ago, quarrelled with his son and dismissed him from the firm as well as from his life. But it was significant that, when half-an-hour had passed, and most of the factory was wrapped in darkness, he made his way towards old Yarrow's office, and tapped on the door, with the girl's words still hammering in his brain.

His breathing then was uneven; one hand that held a shoe upon which he had laboured during the day was quivering; and under the scrutiny of the dull and hepatic eye which Yarrow turned upon him, his nerves were ticking, and he looked a rather pitiable old man.

"I hope, sir," he said, rubbing a hide-stained hand down the front of his apron, "I'm not disturbing you just as you was thinking of going home, but I left it till now because I felt you'd been busy like."

Yarrow had. An irascible old man; a man who would be defiant, to the end, of the ruin with which he was faced, he had mustered his travellers before him that morning, questioned them as to their activities, condemned them for their unsuccessful issue, sneered at their individual excuses and as good as called them liars to their faces.

The meeting over, he had journeyed to his bank, expressed the opinion that, compared with the humanity of money lenders they

Short Story

"I—I was wondering about the eel, sir," he began nervously.

"The heel? Well, what's the matter with the heel?"

"I was wondering, if I might say so, sir; if—if we oughtn't p'raps to make it just a shade 'igher—a little less—"

"Rot, man—rot. The heel's a good one. Why,—d—it, haven't we used it before?"

"That's true, sir; we have; and it is a good eel. But I—I was wondering if we oughtn't p'raps to ave something a little different like. I—I sort of feel that since Mr. Richard went out o' the—"

"I'll listen to your views without your bringing my son's name into it, d'you understand?" Yarrow rasped in angrily. "Go on."

"I'm sorry, sir. What I mean to say is that if we had something newer we'd sort of get in line with the other firms—if you get my meaning?"

"What other firms, man?"

"Well, there—there's the Vandyck Co., sir. They—"

"The Vandyck!" he sneered contemptuously. "The Vandyck! Do we care about the Vandyck? Eh? Tell me."

Cobley did so. He did not reveal the fact that one of Yarrow's own work girls had walked out of his factory with a pair of Vandyck shoes on her feet; rather, he suggested, with all due deference to Mr. Yarrow, that however indiscriminating the purchasers did, nevertheless, represent the majority, and that by meeting their demands the Vandyck Co. had acquired a vast amount of business which should have been theirs, but which might yet be

By Frank Crew

were blood suckers, and warned them that a continuance of their arbitrary manner could result only in the filing of his petition. Back again to the privacy of his office he had insulted his secretary with his tirades and forthwith discharged the unhappy woman because she attempted to remonstrate with him.

Yet, as he looked up now at the old man who had served him so faithfully during the three and forty years of his business, there came into his eyes, so dulled and tired by the strain of lone fighting, a light of pleasure; and with his stubborn refusal to admit defeat he was quick and a little proud to look upon the shoe that Cobley held in his hand.

"That's all right, Tom. Sit down. I see you've got the new model with you. Let's have a look at it." He took the shoe from Cobley's quivering hand, and he examined it critically. "Hm—yes. Yes. Well, what d'you think of it?"

Cobley hesitated. An hour ago he had looked at the shoe with pardonable pride, believing in it, hoping for its success. Now the very brightness of his hope was clouded by the turmoil of his thoughts and fears.

gestures were those of shame. But oddly enough, it took the eyes, the understanding of the girl who'd worn the Vandyck shoes to see that some dark, unspeakable thing had extinguished the lamp in the old man's life, and left him groping in the darkness of despair.

"You're not mad with me for what I said last night, are you, Uncle Tom?" she asked him, the following morning.

"Eh?" said old Cobley, struggling out of his dark, lost world. "No, my gal; no, of course not. There now."

"And—" She put a hand down on his arm, and studied him intently—"of course, you didn't tell the old man Yarrow anything that I said, did you?"

"And—" She put a hand down "No," he said, in a strange, cracked voice.

But the very suddenness with which he turned away to hide his feelings belied it; and with the certain knowledge of what he had tried to conceal, she rushed through the swing doors and made for Yarrow's office.

It wasn't difficult; she'd marked the door, not once but many times during the three weeks of her strange mission in the Arrow Factory. She'd known that sooner or later the moment would come when she would have to tap upon the door, go inside, and see old Yarrow sitting there. Only, she hadn't quite prepared herself for seeing him broken up in the way he was; hadn't quite prepared herself for hearing him say: "Well?" in the tired tone of a man who had put up a terrible fight and then been beaten.

"I work under Mr. Cobley," she said.

And again he said, as lifelessly as before: "Well?"

"I believe you have given him notice to leave."

"And if I have, does that concern you?" he asked, with a little more spirit than before.

"It does. He was not expressing his own opinion; he was voicing mine."

"Indeed!" Old Yarrow sat up. He stared at her perplexedly, and he passed his hand across his eyes.

"Yes. I told him that the Arrow Shoe Co. had been asleep for four years. I told him that the Vandyck Co. were beating you out of business. And I can tell you that your losses over the past year have been no less than ten thousand pounds."

Old Yarrow's face paled. It was an ugly sign; for it usually preceded his fits of temper. But something in the very calmness with which she stood and addressed him forced him to keep himself under control. The girl had pluck, he thought. By God, she'd pluck! Even when ruin faced him more certainly than it had ever done before, he could sit back, study and admire her. But perhaps it was that, in reaching the end, he felt his loneliness most acutely, and because, in his loneliness, his thoughts went off at a tangent to his son who was as dead to him, to the wife he'd never seen. A fool boy—his son Richard! Might have married a girl like this for the ask-

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Having a grand time in the Sack Race at the Kowloon Junior School Sports. ("Mail" photo).



This was probably the most popular part of the Obstacle Race, and the children are taking their time in eating the biscuit. ("Mail" photo).

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a country cottage. It had come up more than once now that his retiring age was approaching, but in his heart of hearts Mr. Green knew that he would never move from this house. When you get to a certain age, your ideas change; you know what you want. What he wanted was this house, with Mum, and the kids, and their kids. Country cottage be hanged!

To his surprise, a curious shyness descended upon him when he came to announce his win. Instead of acting in accordance with his carefully thought out plan of a casual announcement to the company at large, he found himself confiding it to his wife, his remarks screened by the general conversation and the terrifically hot "rhythm" discovered by George in the course of his ether searching. Nor could he make his voice casual, try as he might.

"Mum . . ." he whispered. "What do you think? My crossword . . . right . . . you know, the £2,000 'Daily Letter' one . . ." His heart fluttered curiously.

Mrs. Green turned a rosy and sceptical face to her spouse, "What of it? They are really wangled, those competitions, aren't they?"

Mr. Green felt that this was not the way to treat the winner of £2,000. "No, Mum. You remember me telling you about the cousin of that man at the office, the one who got a pension? . . . No, my dear. They're genuine enough . . ." The expression on Mrs. Green's face changed from scepticism to amazed surprise.

"Why, John," she exclaimed, "You don't mean that you—"

"I do," said Mr. Green modestly. "That is . . . I've got all right. There's the claiming of course, but—"

There followed the public announcement of Mr. Green's success, and contrary to Mr. Green's anticipations, it was Mum who held up her hand for silence, Mum who shouted to George to switch off that awful row. There was a chorus of expostulation. Four pairs of surprised eyes swivelled round and gazed at Mr. Green.

"£2,000 . . . My hat!" George whistled.

"It's . . . it's wonderful, Dad." Thus Beryl, who for some unaccountable reason had blushed a

vivid crimson.

"Well, John," put in Mum, "It's an awful lot of money. I suppose the children—"

Mr. Green spoke up. "That's just what I was thinking, my dear. A thousand is just about enough for us, I think. That'll leave something over three hundred pounds each for Enid and Jack, you Beryl, and George . . ."

There was a moment's silence.

Three people were wrestling silently with the problem of sudden wealth. It was George who broke the silence. "Three hundred pounds, Dad! Why, I can buy the fastest motor-bike in England. Go in for racing. Just what I've always wanted." His voice was excited, and his eyes gleamed. "Oh, boy!"

Mr. Green felt a sudden fear. Fast motor-bike, and Jim Blake had lost his son through a collision the second day he had one? This was not so good . . .

But worse was to come. It was Beryl who spoke next, with traces of pink still suffusing her young cheeks. "It's stunning, Mum. Victor and I needn't wait any longer, and he says that they're building the loveliest bungalows right on the sea-shore. We might even get married at Christmas. You see his job at Westsea is permanent and there'd be no point in waiting." She must have sensed something from her father's expression . . .

"Would there, Daddy?" she concluded less radiantly.

"No, Beryl . . . I suppose not." Mr. Green's voiced lacked conviction. His tone belied his words. For Mr. Green was getting just a little alarmed.

George and his suicide machine, and now no more Saturday teas with Beryl to liven things up. Of course he would lose her eventually, but until the talk of this money started, the chances of her marrying were comfortably remote. Two years at least. But now . . .

Almost fearfully, Mr. Green watched the thoughtful, inscrutable face of Enid, his daughter-in-law. So far she had said nothing. What in heaven's name might she not have up her sleeve? A ring and a violent clattering on the front door broke into his thoughts. Enid awoke from her brown study . . .

"I'll go. I expect that will be Jack." Before anyone else could move she had risen and was at the front door.

Cobley's Last

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ing. But what did he do? Came to him with the tale of a girl who'd once been in the chorus and since then had had an itch to paint! An adventuress! He knew it. Yet, just because he'd told the boy so, tried to lead his amours to a better end, tried to make him think of a wife who'd be worthy of him, the dark, hideous thing had happened, and he'd found himself alone. Confound it, why did this girl bring it all back into his mind? Who was she, anyway? Worked under Cobley, she said. Impossible! Was he mad? Was Cobley mad? Or was it she who was mad?

"Who the devil are you?" he shrieked out suddenly in fury.

"I might be a little spy—with honourable intentions," she answered quietly. "And now that I know the state of your business I might make you an offer for its amalgamation with the greatest shoe company there is."

Yarrow gripped the sides of his desk, and he tightened his fingers upon it until the white of his knuckles showed up largely. "I ask for an answer," he pleaded desperately. "Who are you?"

"I'm known," she said, moving slowly towards him, "as Mrs. Vandycyck, the wife of the shoe king, and the designer of his shoes. But I'm really Mrs. Richard Yarrow, very glad of it, and very glad to meet his father. Won't you give me your hand? I believe you're pressing some bell or other."

Yarrow was, although he was quite unconscious of it until old Cobley tapped upon the door and entered the room.

"You rang, sir," the old man said.

"Yes." Yarrow looked sheepish, but a glance from the girl encouraged him. "Just to tell you, Tom, to go back to your last, stick to it, and don't talk of things you know nothing about."

The End.

Mr. Green listened gloomily. Through the excited buzz of conversation in the room he could hear whispering in the hall between his son and Enid. Jack was a motor mechanic in a big garage; fortunately you could not get a very dangerous racing car for £300.

Jack bounded into the room. "Congratulations, Dad," Enid told me. By golly, what a chance! The best bet I ever heard of. Just like providence, Dad. A garage right down on the Brighton road where the cars have to slow up. A cinch—and going for a song. With accommodation for Enid and the kid right next door. Marvelous!"

He paused for breath.

Mr. Green swallowed hard. Garage, Brighton road. This meant that Saturday afternoon teas in future would be like a desert waste. George off to his death on an infernal racing bike. Beryl down at Westsea. Jack and Enid near Brighton. The end of life as he knew it and loved it.

He made some non-committal reply, and turned to look at his wife. Something in her eyes told him that she was with him; he thought he discerned the faintest traces of a tear in the eyes which were bent over somebody's cup.

Mr. Green was not a selfish man, but suddenly he began bitterly to regret his sudden, thoughtless generosity. It was too late to withdraw, now. Wait a moment, though. Often these crossword prizes were shared. They might not get £2,000 after all . . . He looked round the table at the flushed excitement of planning which was on everyone's face.

"Excuse me," he said, getting up. "A cat on my tomatoes, I think."

Jack's voice followed him into the garden. "Never mind, Dad. You'll be able to have your country cottage now, and there won't be any cats to bother you . . ."

Country cottage!

Mr. Green snorted. For the next fifteen minutes Mr. Green gazed silently at his tomatoes, and thought very hard indeed. Gradually he decided that he dare not risk winning all that money. It was not as though any of them needed it terribly badly, and the fact that they would all expect him to bury himself in a cottage, miles away from anywhere, finally decided him. He had put an old jacket on as he went out into the garden, and he took from the pocket thereof his new entry for the current week's crossword competition. Assuming a becomingly glum expression, he re-entered the kitchen, holding the stamped envelope aloft.

The buzz of talk subsided. "Hold on, everyone," said Mr. Green, in a very faint voice, "I'm a silly old fool . . . I've just found this . . . in my pocket . . . the entry form for the crossword."

He paused dramatically. "I never sent it in!"

In dead silence, he tore the envelope into small pieces, and threw them into the coal-scuttle.

A week later, the "Daily Letter" revealed that 199 people had solved its crossword, each competitor receiving £10 1s. Mr. Green's face, which for a week had been rather set and strained, broke into a smile. "Here, Mum," he said, "Look at this! My luck held, you see . . ."

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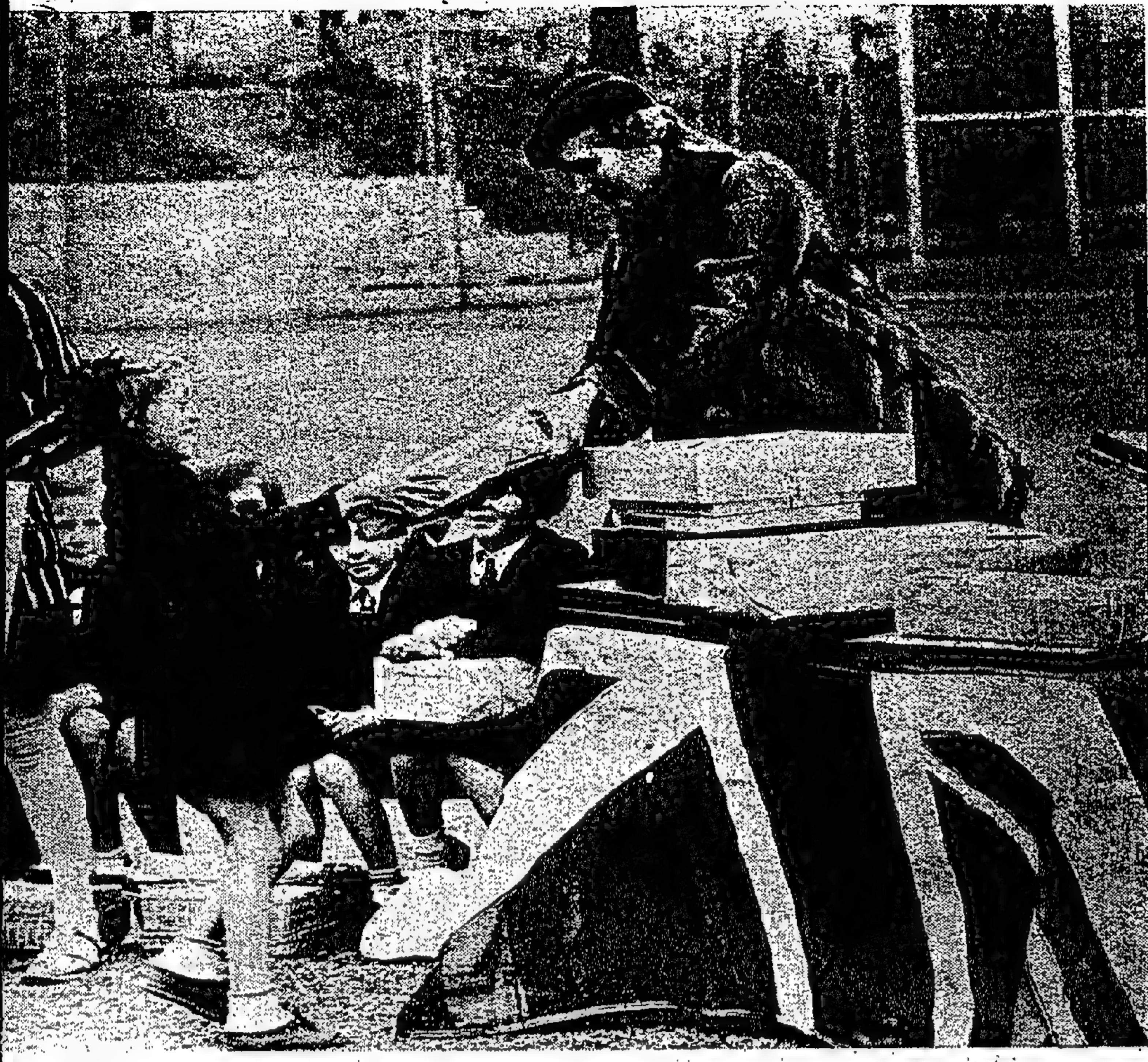
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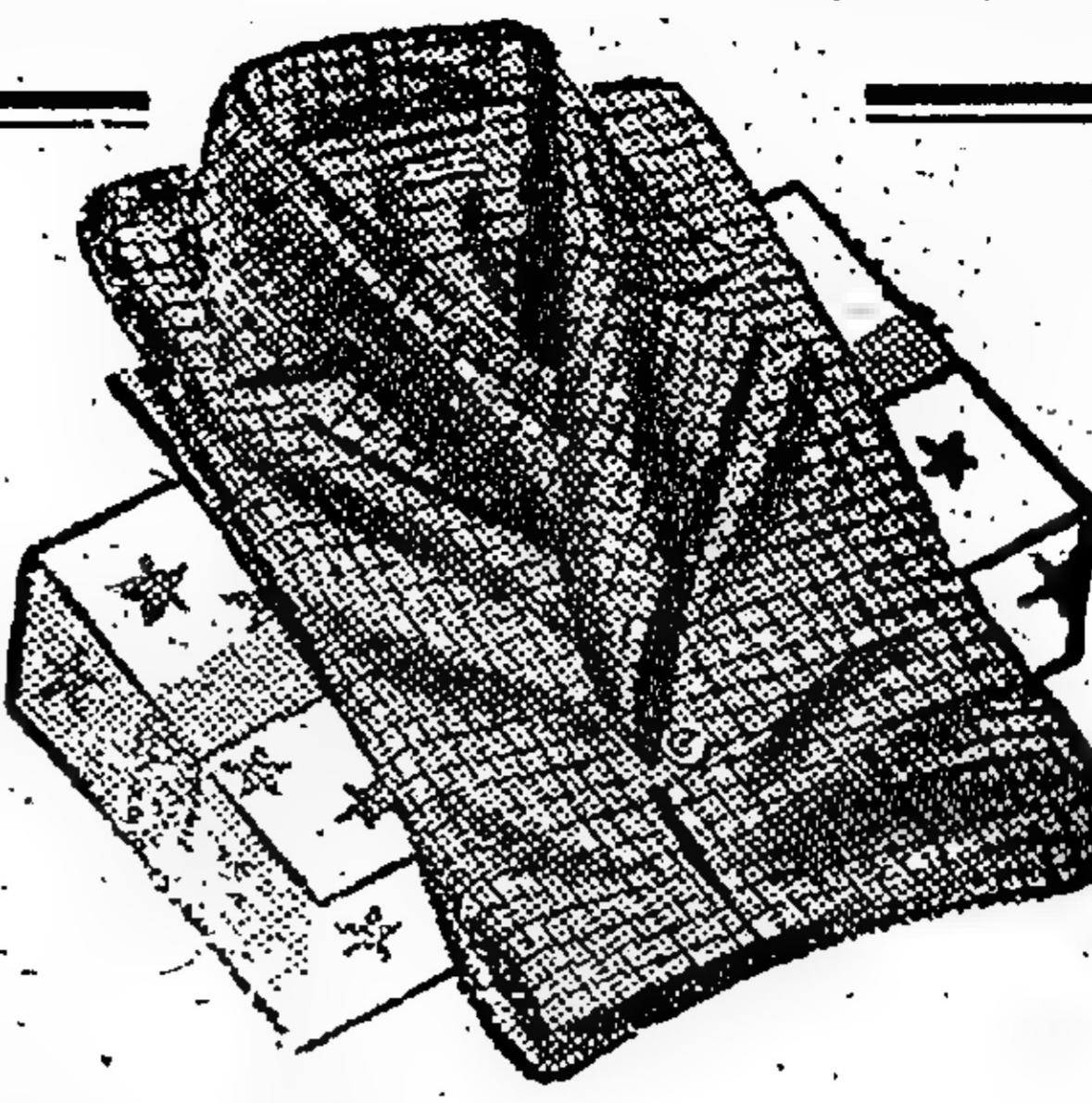


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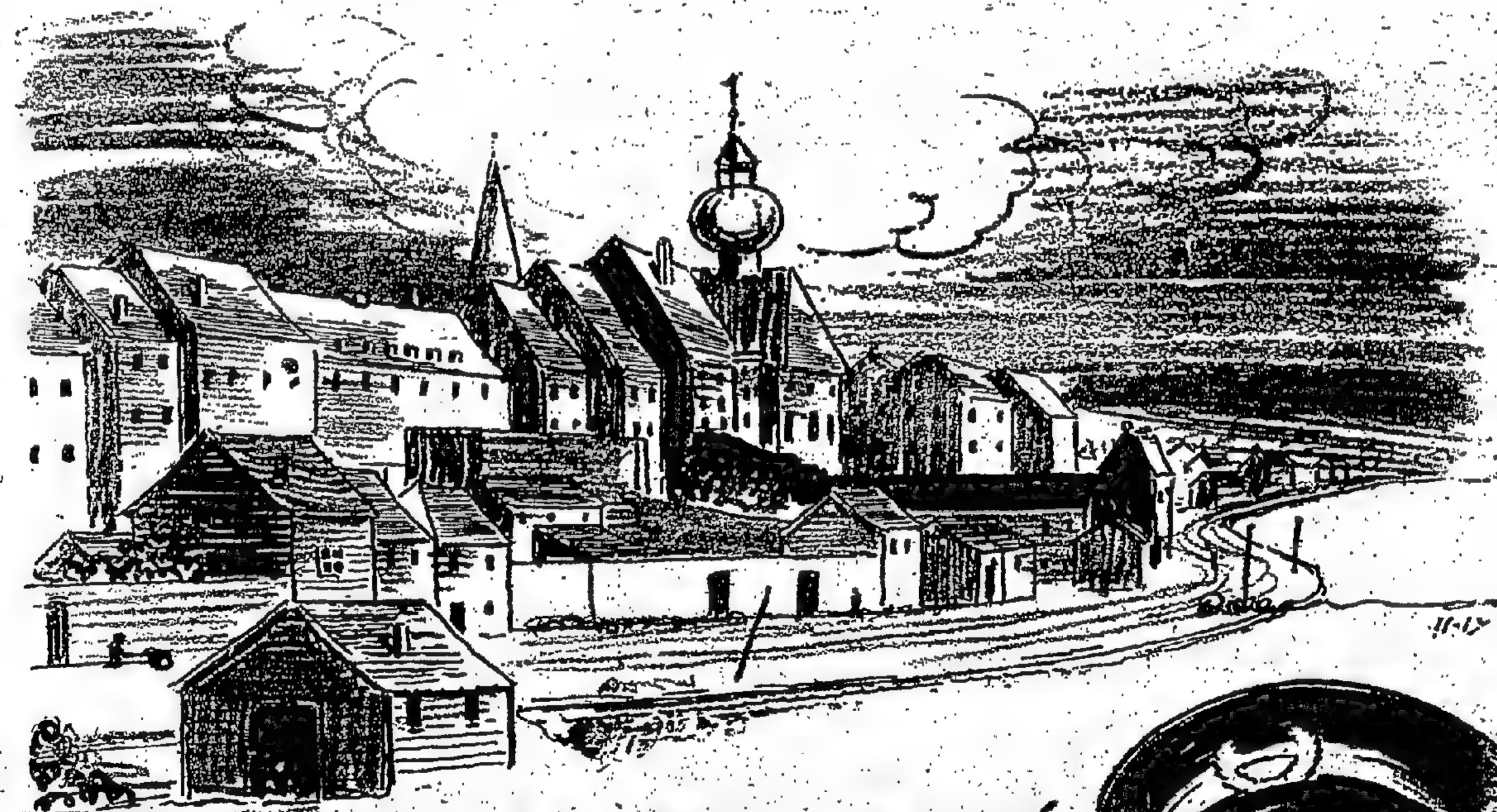
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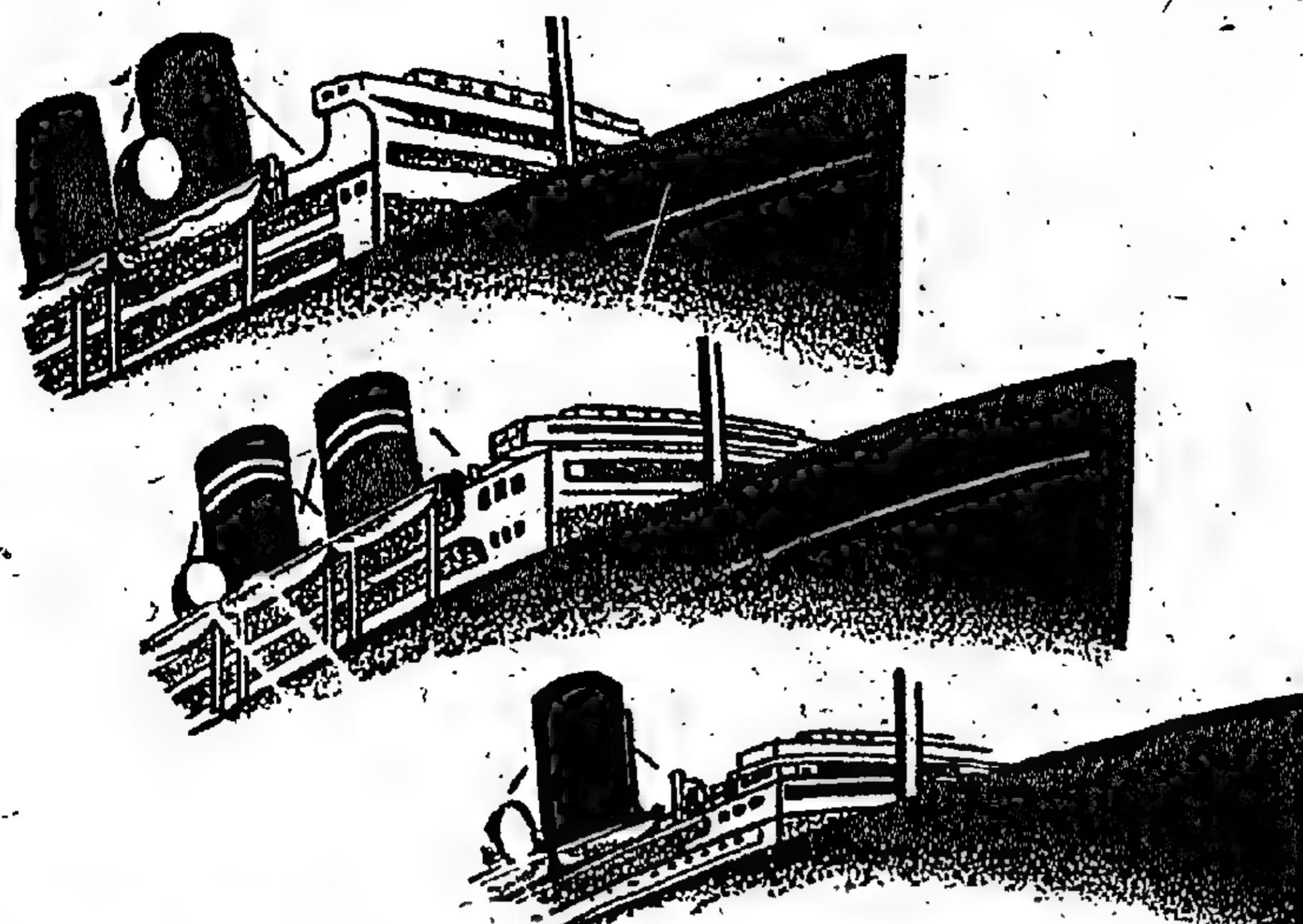
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SANTHIA.....	8,000	26th Feb. 9.30 a.m.	Singapore, Port Swettenham, Penang, Rangoon and Calcutta.
TALMA.....	10,000	12th Mar.	
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NANKIN.....	7,000	2nd Apr.	
NELLORE.....	7,000	30th Apr.	

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI and JAPAN

SIRDHANA.....	8,000	3rd Mar.	Amoy & Japan. Shanghai & Japan. Shanghai & Japan. Amoy & Japan. Shanghai & Japan. Shanghai & Japan. Shanghai & Japan.
NALDERA.....	16,000	4th Mar.	
NANKIN.....	7,000	6th Mar.	
SHIRALA.....	8,000	17th Mar.	
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Mail Service "Via Siberia" is temporarily suspended.

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Air Mail Services to Shanghai, Nanking, Tsingtau, Tientsin and Peiping are temporarily suspended.

INWARD MAIRS

Straits	Lycaon	February 25.
Japan	Kamo Maru	February 25.
Straits	Conte Verde	February 25.
Straits and Europe via Negapatam (Letters and Papers)	London date, 27th January	
Japan	Hakusan Maru	February 25.
Calcutta and Straits	Montevideo Maru	February 26.
Swatow	Suisang	February 26.
Shanghai and Swatow	Chengtu	February 26.
Shanghai	Newchwang	February 26.
Japan and Formosa	Glenapp	February 26.
Japan and Shanghai	Hakozaki Maru	February 27.
Haiphong	Gneisenau	February 27.
	Canton	February 27.

OUTWARD MAIRS

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

For	To	Date and Time
Friday		
Straits, Ceylon, India, East & South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 29th March.	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Fri., Feb. 25.
Amoy and Foochow (via Amoy) ...	Reg. Ord.	Feb. 25, 5 p.m.
*Shanghai ...	Tjinegara	Feb. 25, 5 p.m.
Fermosa and Japan ...	Conte Verde	Feb. 25, 5 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 10th March.	Hakusan Maru	Fri. Feb. 25.
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Service"—due Amsterdam, 8th March.	Kamo Maru	G.P.O. and K.P.O.
	Reg. Ord.	Feb. 25, 5 p.m.
	Hakozaki Maru	Fri., Feb. 25.
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Reg. Ord.
	Reg. Ord.	Feb. 25, 4.30 p.m.

Saturday

Swatow and *Amoy	Haiyang	Feb. 26, 2 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa	Montevideo Maru	Feb. 26, 2.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 29th March.	Hakozaki Maru	Sat., Feb. 26.
Manila, *Straits, *Ceylon, *India, *Egypt and parcels for Germany only via Hamburg.	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Reg. Ord.
Amoy and Foochow (via Amoy) ...	Gneisenau	Feb. 26, 5 p.m.
Van Heutz	Feb. 26, 5 p.m.	
Gustav Diederichsen	Feb. 26, 5 p.m.	
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 7th March.	Imperial Airways Plane Sun., Feb. 27.	
	Reg. Ord.	Feb. 26, 5 p.m.
	Reg. Ord.	Feb. 27, 9 a.m.
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Reg. Ord.
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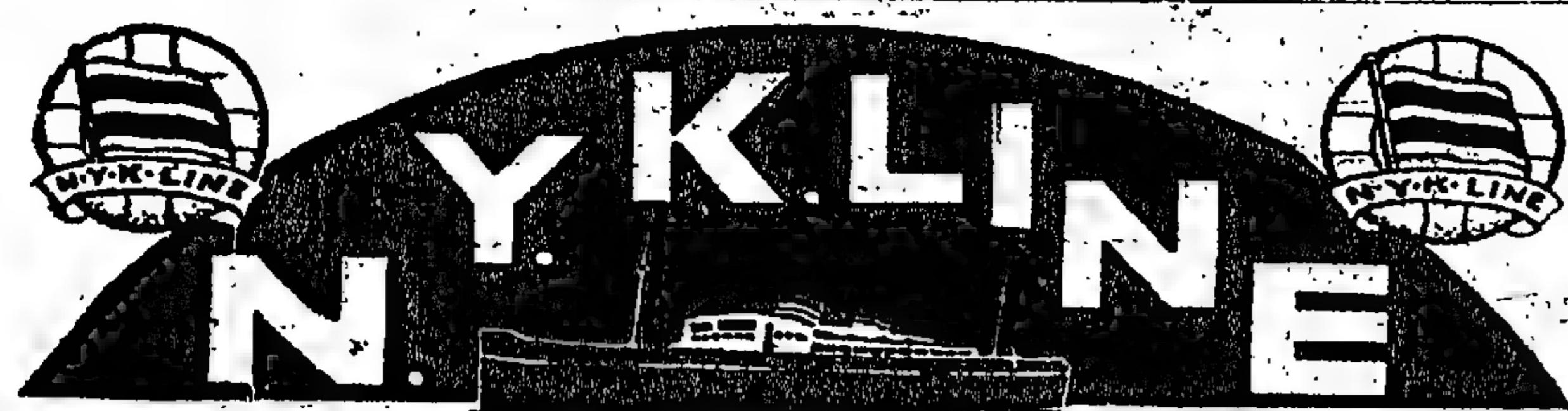
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HEIAN MARU Monday, 14th Mar.

NEW YORK via Panama

TNOJIMA MARU Saturday, 26th Mar.

SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Hilo, Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.

TATAGO MARU (from Kobe) Monday, 7th Mar.

HEIYO MARU (from H.K.) Monday, 14th Mar.

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SUWA MARU Saturday, 12th Mar.

TERUKUNI MARU Friday, 25th Mar.

HAKUSAN MARU Saturday, 9th April.

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DELAGOA MARU Tuesday, 1st Mar.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports

KAMO MARU Friday, 25th Feb.

ATSUTA MARU Saturday, 26th Mar.

BOMBAY

NAGATO MARU (Omits Penang) Tuesday, 1st Mar.

RYUYO MARU (Omits Penang) Wednesday, 9th Mar.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon

MALACCA MARU Sunday, 13th Mar.

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HAKUSAN MARU Thursday, 25th Feb.

HARUNA MARU Friday, 11th Mar.

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MOMBASA, ZANZIBAR, DARESSALAAM, BEIRA, LOURENCO MARQUES, DURBAN, ALGOA BAY, CAPE TOWN & SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS via Singapore & Colombo	Manila Maru Fri., 4th Mar. Africa Maru Sat., 2nd Apr.
BOMBAY & KARACHI via Singapore, Penang and Colombo	Naple Maru Mon., 7th Mar.
CALCUTTA via Singapore Belawan Deli & Rangoon	Havana Maru Sun., 20th Mar.
JAPAN via Takao and Keelung	Arizona Maru Wed., 27th Apr.
JAPAN PORTS	Hong Kong Maru Thurs., 24th Mar. Hong Kong Maru Wed., 9th Mar.
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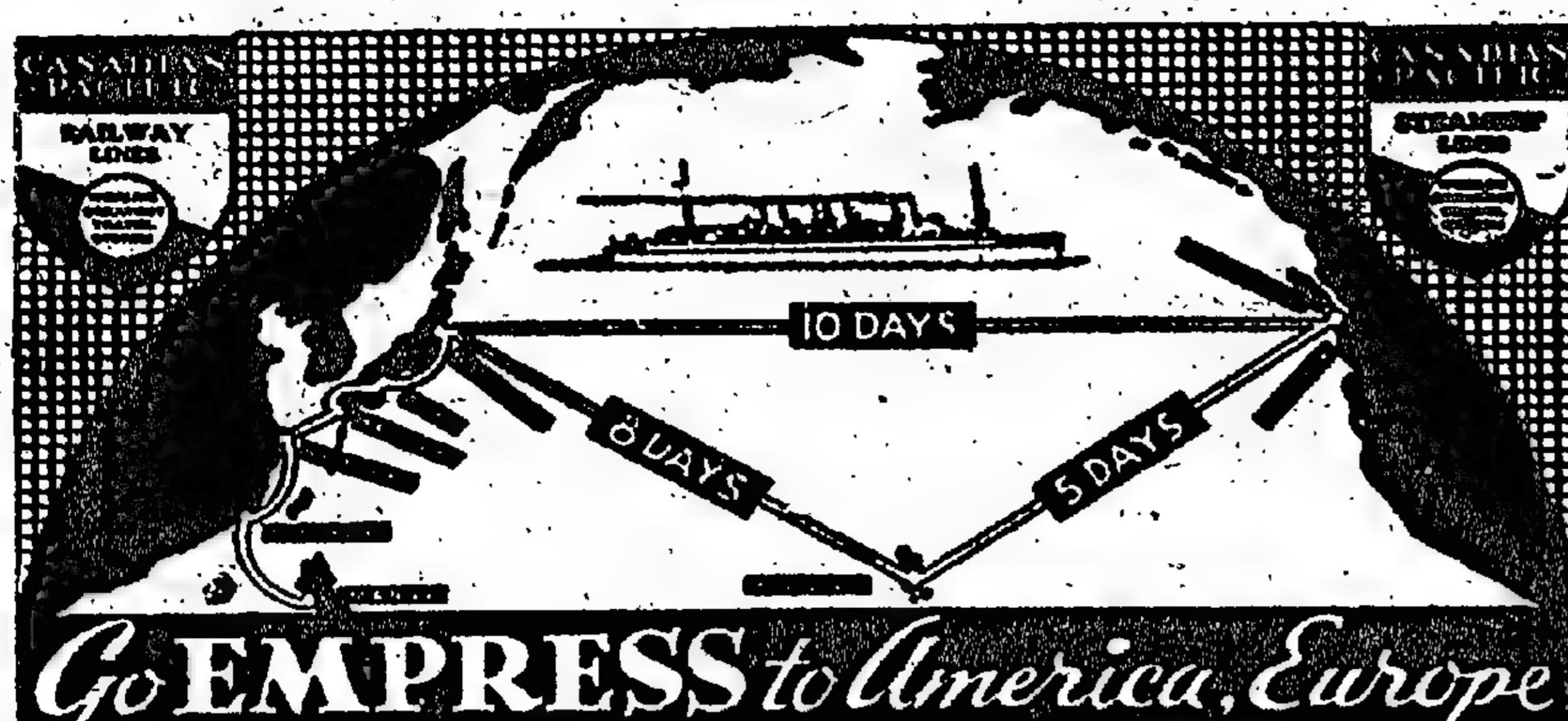
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STEAMER	Due Hong Kong	Leaves Hong Kong	Leaves Manila	Due Sydney
TAIPING	8 Mar.	15 Mar.	18 Mar.	3 Apr.
CHANGTE	12 Apr.	19 Apr.	22 Apr.	8 May
TAIPING	10 May	17 May	20 May	5 June
CHANGTE	10 June	17 June	20 June	6 July

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Empress of	Leave	Arrive	Leave	Leave	Leave	Leave	Cover	Victoria	Arrive
Canada	Mar. 8	Mar. 10	—	Mar. 13	Mar. 15	Mar. 22	Mar. 27	Apr. 1	
Russia	Mar. 18	Mar. 20	Mar. 22	Mar. 24	Mar. 26	—	Apr. 4		
Japan	Apr. 1	Apr. 3	—	Apr. 6	Apr. 8	Apr. 14	Apr. 19		

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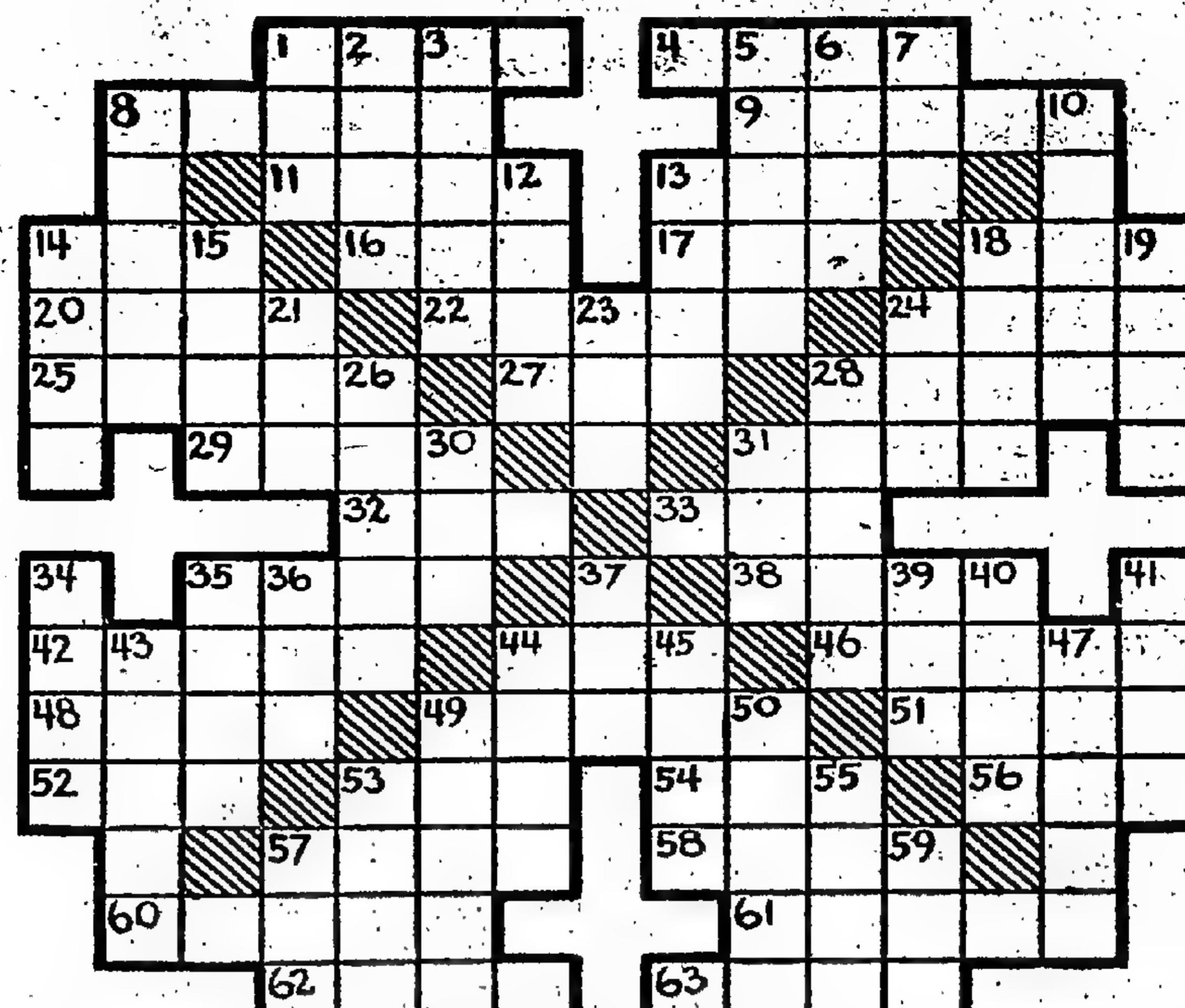
Singapore Raw Rubber

Messrs. H. B. Joseph and Co., have received the following quotations in Straits Currency for Raw Rubber:

April/June 24½ b. down ½.
July/Sept. 25 b. down ½.
Oct./Dec. 25½ b. down ½.
Market: Dull.

Quarantine restrictions have been imposed by the Government of French Indo-China against arrivals from Hong Kong on account of small-pox.

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Loud outcry
- 4-A serpent (pl.)
- 8-Fixed state
- 9-Ponds
- 11-Profound
- 13-Separate
- 14-Prefix. Thrice
- 16-Mineral spring
- 17-Noah's ship
- 18-Woodland spirit
- 20-Suggestion
- 22-Stem of a plant
- 24-Trust
- 25-Pertaining to the inside
- 27-Before
- 28-Hearts
- 29-Observed
- 31-A vegetable
- 32-Preposition
- 33-A beverage
- 35-Worthless plant
- 38-Feminine suffix (Fr.)
- 42-Diamal (Poet.)
- 44-Humor
- 46-Gains
- 48-Pulverized earth

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 49-Releases from bondage
- 51-Ache
- 52-Rest
- 53-A beverage
- 54-Used in refusal
- 56-Look
- 57-Ajar
- 58-Decorate
- 60-Meaning
- 61-Obliterate
- 62-Examine
- 63-Employed
- 1-Corrupt
- 2-Greek god of war
- 3-Cries
- 5-Scintillate
- 6-Dressed swine
- 7-Drunkard
- 8-Greenish finch
- 10-Mold
- 12-Top of the head
- 13-Wan
- 14-Lean
- 15-Taverns
- 18-Harbor

VERTICAL

- 19-Bird home
- 21-Golf mound
- 23-Dexterity
- 24-Garden tool
- 26-Altitude
- 28-Stop
- 30-Bow the head
- 31-An insect
- 34-Inequalities
- 35-The Occident
- 36-Consumes
- 37-Content with
- 39-Weaken
- 40-Epochs
- 41-Serf
- 43-Demolishes
- 44-Singing bird
- 45-Canvas shelter
- 47-A relative
- 49-Escapes
- 50-Inflamed places on the skin
- 53-Altar end of a church
- 55-Fatigue
- 57-A province of Canada (abbr.)
- 59-Insane

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 15-Bird home
- 16-Stop
- 17-Head
- 18-Beetle
- 20-Relatives
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LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar this morning was 1/2%.

"Spot" silver was quoted in London yesterday at 20½ and forward at 19½.

The London on New York rate was quoted at £—U.S.\$5.0155 and the New York on London rate at £—U.S.\$5.0158.

The s.s. "Gneisenau" is expected to arrive on Sunday at 12 noon. She will berth alongside Kowloon Wharf and will leave for Europe via Manila, Singapore and ports on the same day at 10 p.m.

DOUBLE AIR MAIL SERVICE TO LONDON NEXT WEEK

Owing to the change in the schedule of the Imperial Airways, there will be two services in each direction between Hong Kong and Bangkok next week.

Mails will be leaving Hong Kong on Sunday and again on Tuesday, while there will be incoming mails on Monday and Friday.

In the following week and until further notice, air mails will leave on Tuesdays and arrive on Fridays.

SMALLPOX IN KOWLOON

While the outbreak of smallpox in Victoria appears to be on the wane, the incidence in Kowloon has recently shown a tendency to increase.

Twenty-six fresh cases were notified to the authorities in the 24 hours ended at midnight. Of these, 11 were from Kowloon and 13 from Victoria.

FINE WEATHER

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone remains unchanged over China, Japan and the neighbouring seas.

Local forecast: — N.E. winds, fresh; fine.

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NOTICE.

The Eighteenth Annual General Meeting of the Kowloon Residents' Association will be held in St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, on Friday, 4th March, 1938, at 6 p.m.

Business

Adoption of Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1937.

Election of Officers and Committee.

And other business.

It is earnestly requested that members and all others interested in the welfare of Kowloon will endeavour to be present. An opportunity will be given for bringing forward matters for the consideration of the new Committee.

R. BALDWIN,
Hon. Secretary.

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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on Monday, the 28th. February, 1938 commencing at 10.30 a.m. at Nos. 11 and 12, Bay View Mansions, Causeway Bay.

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R. W. ROBERTS,

Manager.

Hong Kong, 1st January, 1935.

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V. M. GRAYBURN, Chief Manager.

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BLARNEY STONE RUGBY 7-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT

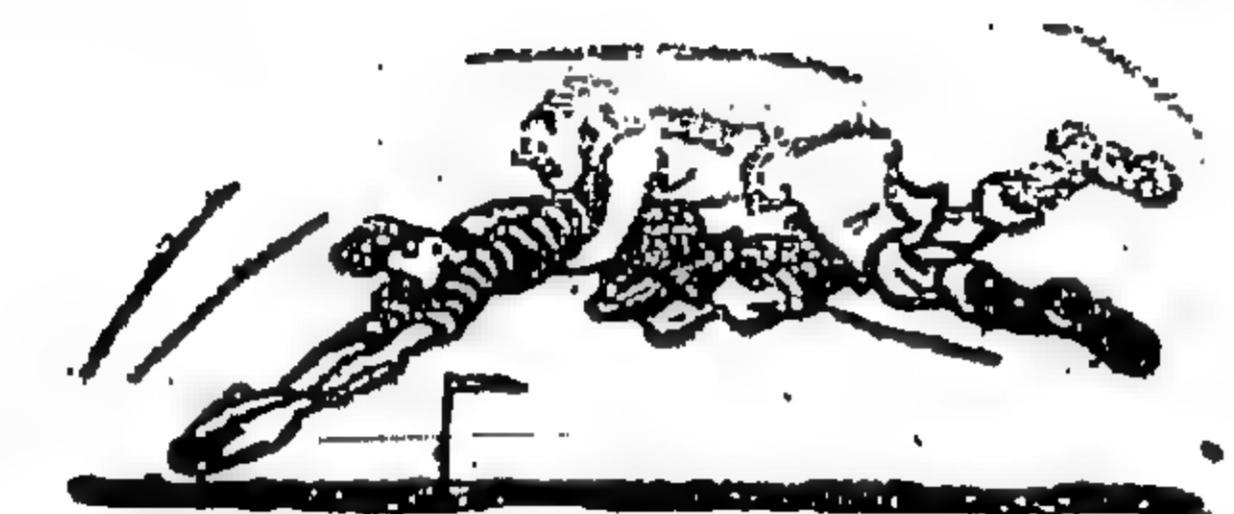
Draw For First And Second Rounds

The preliminary rounds for the Blarney Stone Rugby Seven-a-Side Tournament will be held on the Club ground, at Happy Valley, next Monday, February 28 and next Thursday, March 3.

There will be six games on each day commencing at 4 p.m. and a charge of 50 cents will be made for admission to the ground, Servicemen in uniform being admitted at half-price.

The draw is as follows:

FIRST ROUND
Seaforts "C" v. Malayan Prince (1).
24th Heavy Bty. v. Royal Scots "A" (2).
20th Heavy Bty. v. Club "A" (3).
5th A.A. Bde. R.A. v. Police (4).
Club "B" v. R.E. (5).
Civil Service v. Small Units (6).
Horald v. Middlesex "A" (7).
Royal Scots "B" v. Middlesex "B" (8).



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SECOND ROUND

Tamar and Small Ships v. Adventure "B" (9).
Seaforts "A" v. Butterfield and Swire (10).
Winners (1) and (2)-(11) v. Winners (3) and (4)-(12).
Winners (5) and (6)-(13) v. Winners (7) and (8)-(14).
Adventure "A" v. Suffolk (15).
Seaforts "B" v. Hong Kong Bank (16).

These ties will be played as follows:

	Monday	Thursday
4.00 p.m.	(8)	(1)
4.20 "	(2)	(14)
4.40 "	(7)	(11)
5.00 "	(4)	(12)
5.20 "	(3)	(13)
5.40 "	(6)	(10)
6.00 "	(5)	(16)

Ties (9) and (13) will be played off on the Navy Ground at Causeway Bay on Friday, 25th February as H.M.S. Adventure will be at sea next week.

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AU DEFEATS ANDERSON COMFORTABLY LAST NIGHT'S BADMINTON AT TAIKOO CLUB

(By "REFEREE")

THREE matches in the Colony Open Badminton Championships were held last night at the Taikoo Club and failed to provide any upsets, C. Au, a newcomer, giving a sparkling display against J. L. Anderson, to win his match after conceding only seven aces.

In the first match of the evening, H. A. Barros and H. A. Alves, of Recreio, proved much too good for L. Tsang and Peter Lo, of St. Teresa's, and ran out winners in straight games. The Portuguese pair outpositioned their opponents, who are newcomers to the Colony Championships, and whose entry was made with the sole object of securing some experience of championship play.

In the second match of the evening, a singles encounter, between C. Au, of the Chinese "Y", and J. L. Anderson, of the Free Lances, the former won convincingly, and is a formidable threat to Patrick Wong, the Colony Champion.

Anderson failed to get settled in the first set and his covering of the court was sluggish, Au securing a big lead and the first game after conceding two aces. Au's best strokes were excellent drop-shots in the corners, while he repeatedly caught Anderson on the wrong foot with clearing shots to the far corners.

Anderson was very weak on his backhand, and also failed to return many of Au's drives on the forehand. In the second set, Anderson secured the first point, but Au soon established a lead although he made the mistake of taking everything for granted, and was beaten by some grand work at the net by his opponent.

After several ding-dong struggles, Au secured the ascendancy and the second game. The winner's coolness and positional play should take him far in the tournament, while his excellent knowledge of the game should make him a formidable challenger.

FISHER AND SMITH SHINE

In the last match, a doubles encounter between S. W. Clark and A. L. Fisher, of Free Lances, and P. Wilson and N. Smith, of St. John's, the former emerged winners after a closely contested clash in which Fisher and Smith shone.

Fisher was at the top of his form, and carried his partner in the first set, Clark improving in the second, when his smashing down the side-lines was featured.

Wilson was incredibly weak and gave Smith no confidence at all. Wil-

RAPIER'S COMMENTS TO-MORROW

Rapier's racing comments will appear in these columns to-morrow.

son's positioning was poor and had little understanding with his partner.

Smith is probably the most promising player in the League and should in time develop into one of the Colony's first flight players. His positioning, smashing, clearing strokes and retrieving strokes were excellent and had he received a better measure of support from his partner, they may have turned the tables.

Results were:
H. A. Barros and H. A. Alves beat P. Y. Lo and J. Tsang 15-8, 15-5.
C. Au beat J. L. Anderson 15-2, 15-5.
S. W. Clark and A. L. Fisher beat P. Wilson and N. Smith 15-10, 15-13.

CLUB HOCKEY TEAM FOR MACAO ON SUNDAY

The following team has been chosen to represent the Hong Kong Hockey Club against the Macao Hockey Club next Sunday: V. M. Benwell; R. L. Wallace and F. H. Stokes; R. A. Bates, W. A. Reed and N. D. Whitley; S. Fowler, T. S. D. Whitley, G. E. R. Divett (Capt.), B. I. Bickford and V. Bond.

The team will travel by the steamer Kinshan, which leaves the Canton and Macao Steamboat wharf at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, and return by the same vessel, which by special arrangement will leave Macao at 6 p.m. instead of the usual time of 5:30 p.m.

Corinthians Guests Of H.K.F.A.

MANAGER'S ADVICE TO LOCAL TEAMS INTERESTING SPEECH BY MR. J. RALSTON

"CUT out individual play, combine together, and that is the team that will play better football and defeat another team that is composed of brilliant, but individual units", was Mr. Tom Smith's advice to local footballers, at the dinner given last night at the Hong Kong Hotel by the Hong Kong Football Association in honour of the Islington Corinthians.

The hosts comprised Mr. J. Ralston, Vice-President of the Hong Kong Football Association, Mr. Prude, Chairman, Mr. Carter, Hon. Secretary, and many captains and secretaries of the Clubs.

Mr. Ralston said: This month in Hong Kong, history has been made. For the first time a full football eleven—with reserves has landed on our shores. In the present atmosphere of tension I almost instinctively used the words "invaded our shores"; but, in any case, in view of what we have already seen of their prowess and ability they seem to be going to prove an all-conquering force.

GOLF STARTING TIMES

Sunday's Pairings At Fanling

The following are the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanling, next Sunday:

OLD COURSE

9.12 a.m.	A. E. Lissaman, W. J. S. Key.
9.16	J. Stenersen, F. Groves.
9.20	D. M. Biggar, L. Shelden.
9.24	W. N. A. Smalley, Capt. Holmes.
9.28	D. Humphreys, E. T. McMullen.
9.32	I. P. Tamworth, T. R. Chassels.
9.36	R. A. Campbell, R. Young.
9.40	W. C. Farnham, J. H. Underwood.
9.44	A. V. Greaves, A. B. Purves.
9.48	E. Laidlaw, G. W. Reid.
9.52	A. D. Humphreys, L. R. Andrewes.
9.56	Wing Comdr. Bishop, Count de Courseilles.
10.00	R. K. Valentine, Comdr. Hole.
10.04	O. J. Shannon, J. H. M. Andrew.
10.08	E. L. Groome, T. Lindars.
10.12	J. D. Danby, F. A. M. Elliott.
10.16	D. J. S. Crozier, H. A. Mills.
10.20	I. H. Geare, K. S. Morrison.
10.24	D. W. McEwen, A. Sommerfelt.
10.28	C. W. E. Bishop, B. J. B. Morahan.
10.32	T. E. Pearce, D. S. Edward.
10.36	A. W. Hodges, S. C. Feltman.
10.40	C. M. Gee, M. G. Marriott.
10.44	P. H. Scoones, L. Goldman.
10.48	Col. Blake, A. H. Forbes.
10.52	M. G. Carruthers, R. E. H. Nelson.
10.56	J. W. Mayhew, C. J. Clackett.
11.00	H. H. Mundy, G. Castle.
11.04	W. H. Way, K. R. Quick.

NEW COURSE

9.16 a.m.	G. C. Worrall, L. M. S. Lloyd.
9.24	Mrs. Smalley, Mrs. Holmes.
9.32	W. A. Cornell, W. H. Roberts.
9.36	Mrs. Cornell, Mrs. Roberts.
10.00	Mrs. Valentine, Mrs. Hole.
10.16	Mrs. Crozier, Mrs. Mills.
10.40	Mrs. Goldman, Miss Crapnell.
10.48	Mrs. Blake, Mrs. Forbes.
11.00	Mrs. Mundy, Mrs. Castle.
11.16	Col. and Mrs. E. D. Matthews.

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Middlesex "A", winners of the Army Rugby Seven-a-Side Tournament, are seen above with a replica of the trophy. ("Mail" photo).

Service To Cricket

G. W. Beldam, the old Middlesex cricketer who died on November 24, was best known in Australia for his association with C. B. Fry in producing the remarkable books, "Great Batsmen," and "Great Bowlers and Fieldsmen," his share being the photographs.

These books hand down to two generations in picture and prose the beauties and the methods of masters who have passed on. These include several Australians. The man closes his chapter. The book never.

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O'REILLY ILLUSTRATES THE POINT

SPOFFORTH, TURNER, TRUMBLE: BASIS OF THEIR TEST GREATNESS

(By J. C. DAVIS)

NO orator of cricket could be more eloquent in lauding the rich quality of length in bowling than the unspoken demonstration last Saturday on Adelaide Oval by W. J. O'Reilly. Without length, bowling cannot be great. The example of O'Reilly in Australia is destined to be as important in bowling as that of Victor Trumper was in batting. It is impressing on fellow Australians that, while abnormal break, excessive speed, and ability to make the ball swerve are all right in themselves, they are of little value without true length.

BILL O'REILLY HAS REVEALED HIMSELF TO BE A KEEN STUDENT OF HIS ART. HE HAS DEVELOPED TO HIS PRESENT DEGREE OF EXCELLENCE ALONG THE SAME LINES AS THOSE FOLLOWED BY SPOFFORTH, GARRETT, TURNER, NOBLE, BOYLE, PALMER, TRUMBLE, GIFFEN, AND GRIMMETT, TO QUOTE SOME OUTSTANDING BOWLERS OF NEW SOUTH WALES, VICTORIA, AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

The men mentioned had in greater measure than O'Reilly the current example of bowlers of great powers—the early Australians in English rivals like Alfred Shaw, Fred Morley, William Barnes, and others, and the later men had crops in earlier fellow Australians.

But it may be said of O'Reilly that he has risen above his contemporaries in New South Wales largely through his own initiative, brains, and determination. Fortunate for him he early discovered that all the wiles of flight and break were of no avail without that good length which we all can appreciate in an instant.

IN ADELAIDE ON SATURDAY O'REILLY SENT DOWN 184 BALLS FOR 11 MAIDENS (EIGHT-BALL OVERS) 18 RUNS AND FIVE WICKETS.

This reads like one of those wonderful old feats accomplished by Alfred Shaw in England before pitches became so highly developed.

The story behind this feat by O'Reilly is the story behind most of the wonder things done by Spofforth, Boyle, Palmer, Garrett, Turner, Ferris,



Trumble, Armstrong, Noble, and George Giffen. It is the value of precision.

We had one memorable example of this quality in bowling in 1896. Charlie Turner was in his waning years, still a great bowler, though losing some of the marvellous zip off the pitch that was his some years earlier. New South Wales and South Australia were playing their Sheffield Shield match prior to the Australian Eleven leaving for England. Clem Hill had shown us glorious batting for 206 and Joe Darling an impressive 121 in the first innings. The New South Wales bowling was trounced. However, the home team ran up 428,

Frank Iredale coming to light with one of the most fascinating innings of his career. Here came one of the most extraordinary bursts of bowling on a perfect wicket one has ever seen.

When Turner Surprised Adelaide Stars

CHARLIE TURNER, THEN 36 YEARS OLD, BOWLED 261 BALLS FOR 25 MAIDENS, 35 RUNS AND 6 WICKETS.

He had Clem Hill strictly on the defensive, though the left-hander was then at the top of his wonderful form. The South Australian eleven included George Giffen, Jack Lyons, and Jack Reedman, besides the two left hand celebrities.

Clem said to me after he had been bowled by Turner, "That's the most marvellous piece of bowling imaginable on a billiard table wicket. He must have been a miracle in England on his three tours."

At the time Clem rated it as the finest good-wicket bowling he had ever faced. There was not a loose length ball.

NO FRIEND

The upshot was that New South Wales won by nine wickets. Iredale making another brilliant 80 and Harry Donnan 67, both not out, after Alick Mackenzie had been run out for 20.

The wicket at Adelaide is no friend to the bowler. Alfred Shaw, in the reminiscences, tells us some very interesting things about its early stages.

"My first practical experience with an Australian wicket was at Adelaide on November 17, 1876," said the great, old Englishman. "Remembering the quality of the Adelaide wickets now, it is curious to recall the notions of wicket preparing that prevailed when I first appeared there."

SUCCESSFUL IN ENGLAND

Spin Bowlers

Worth noting is the fact that in the 1930 and 1934 Australian teams in England, spin bowlers alone secured one hundred or more wickets, viz., Grimmett (twice), Hornibrook, O'Reilly, and Fleetwood-Smith. The figures are:

	Runs	Wks.	Avg.
Grimmett	2425	144	16.84
Hornibrook	1913	108	18.57
1934			
O'Reilly	1903	118	16.12
Fleetwood-Smith	2150	119	18.66
Grimmett	2246	115	19.53

The South Australian Cricket Association had been afraid to use the roller for fear it would bruise and kill the grass. They were dumbfounded when they saw Southerton's preparations. He got them to borrow the Corporation roller. Then he took one of the four horses by the head, and led the team right across the centre of the ground.

"Perhaps it was not singular that on a wicket that had received so little preparation, I should have been able to claim an analysis of 226 balls, 46 maidens, 12 runs, and 14 wickets at my first turn with the ball."

"At Adelaide when I bowled my first ball in a match in the Colony the wicket was sandy and broke up quickly; now it is as firm as concrete and as smooth as a sheet of glass. The credit for this transformation is largely due to Jesse Hide, the old Sussex player, who obtained some clay from the mountains near by and worked it into the soil at a remarkable expenditure of time, trouble, and elbow grease."

Albert Trott's Bowling

Discussing the art of bowling in its broader angles, Alfred Shaw touched on some of the great Australians he had played against, or studied while umpiring later in his career. He said:

"In my opinion Albert Trott's greatness as a bowler is in but small measure due to his part of power of imparting a swerve or curl to the ball before it pitches. The secret of his success is that he is always trying to do something—first a fast ball, then a slow one, then one with a break from the off and again the swerve from the leg. As an umpire it has always been a genuine treat for me to watch Trott bowl, and to note his ingenuity in trying to get the batsman out. It is the 'infinity variety' of hit bowling that explains Albert Trott's success."

NORWICH'S HOME VICTORY

London, To-day. In a Second Division League football match, Norwich beat Chesterfield, at home, by the odd goal in three.—Reuters.

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Handicap Events Drawn

The first rounds of the Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles Handicap lawn tennis tournaments of the Hong Kong Cricket Club have been drawn as follows:

HANDICAP SINGLES

Byes Into 2nd Round:—A. T. Dow (—2/6) v. H. D. Bidwell (—2/6) R. K. Valentine (—2/6) v. F. V. Harrison (—5/6) T. A. Pearce (—15) v. L. R. Andrewe (—3/6) T. E. Nave (—5/6) v. L. M. S. Lloyd (scr.) J. J. Ferguson (—3/6) v. T. E. Wheble (—15) D. B. Evans (—4/6) v. H. Owen Hughes (—15) L. Goldman (—30) v. Lt. Cdr. C. B. Nicholson (—3/6) D. S. Robb (—3/6).

First Round:—W. Wooding (—3/6) v. A. D. Humphreys (—4/6) W. Sanders (—15) v. A. H. McBride (—1/6).

Byes Into 2nd Round:—T. C. Monaghan (—4/6) C. C. Stark (—2/6) v. E. E. Story (—3/6) E. R. Price (—3/6) v. W. M. Barton (scr.) A. C. I. Bowker (—2/6) v. J. T. B. Evans (—3/6) J. C. Pool (—1/6) v. J. A. H. Douglass (—15) E. R. Childe (—1/6) v. Capt. W. C. Harvey (—2/6) H. J. Armstrong (—15) v. J. F. L. Smalley (—15) G. W. Sewell (—15) v. R. M. M. King (—3/6).

HANDICAP DOUBLES

Byes Into 2nd Round:—R. M. M. King and J. P. Murphy (scr.) v. T. E. Wheble and J. A. H. Douglass (—15) J. J. Ferguson and J. M. Wilson (—3/6) v. W. Wooding and E. Laidlaw (scr.) E. E. Story and N. L. H. Railton (—4/6) v. R. K. Valentine and A. C. I. Bowker (—5/6).

First Round:—T. A. Pearce and J. B. Leckie (—1/6) v. A. D. Humphreys and G. R. Sayer (—5/6) L. R. Andrewe and E. H. Williams (—1/6) v. A. T. Dow and H. D. Bidwell (—3/6) E. J. R. Mitchell and L. M. S. Lloyd (—3/6) v. H. Owen Hughes and W. M. Barton (—15) E. Bryden and D. S. Robb (—15) v. O. E. C. Marton and D. B. Evans (—15).

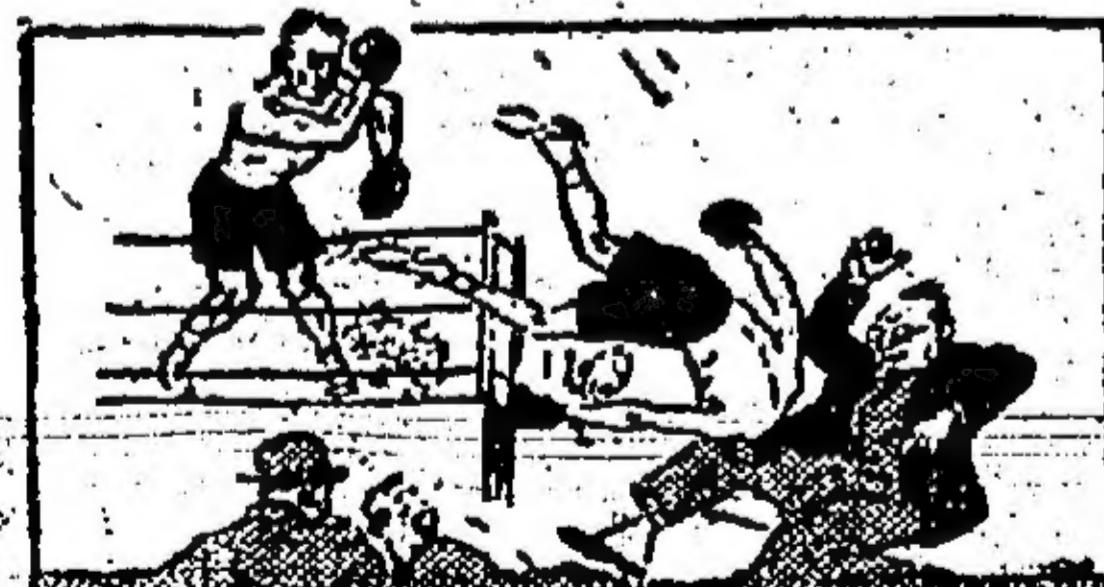
Byes Into 2nd Round:—J. Rodger and C. W. E. Bishop (—5/6) v. Lt. Cdr. Nicholson and Capt. Harvey (—5/6) H. J. Armstrong and M. H. Turner (—5/6) v. G. W. Sewell and T. C. Monaghan (—15) F. V. Harrison and W. Sanders (—15/2) v. C. C. Stark and R. S. Scull (scr.).

HANDICAP MIXED DOUBLES

Byes Into 2nd Round:—F. V. Harrison and Miss D. Dodwell (—15) v. Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Prior (—4/6) Mr. and Mrs. R. L. D. Wodehouse (—3/6) v. Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Story (—3/6) T. A. Pearce and Mrs. J. P. Whitham (—15/3) v. Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Price (—3/6).

First Round:—J. F. L. Smalley and Miss Joan Smalley (—3/6) v. Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Ferguson (—2/6) J. B. Stewart and Miss J. Weller (scr.) v. T. C. Monaghan and Mrs. Whyte Smith (—4/6) F. A. Dunnett and Miss McAlpine (scr.) v. H. Owen Hughes and Miss Judy Smith (—15/2).

Byes Into 2nd Round:—Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Valentine (scr.) A. T. Dow and Miss M. Corrigan (—2/6) v. B. O'M. Deane and Miss Joan Armstrong (—15) N. L. H. Railton and Mrs. G. K. Oliver (—4/6) v. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stark (—1/6) T. E. Nave and Miss A. Taylor (—15/3) v. H. J. Armstrong and Mrs. James Hall (—15).



LOUIS FIGHT CHANGE

New York, To-day.

The Joe Louis-Adamick fight has been cancelled because Adamick's manager has refused to agree to the contest.

Instead, Louis is fighting Harry Thomas on April 1 in Chicago.

Thomas recently lost to Adamick on points.

Louis is receiving 40 per cent. of the receipts, and Thomas 12½ per cent.—Reuter.

Corinthians Guests Of H.K.F.A.

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owing to international turbulence. But, I am sure you will agree it has been more than adequately replaced by the visit of the Islington Corinthians.

You will want me to express in this connection, our indebtedness to the players who, to make this trip, have temporarily vacated their regular employment; to their directors and manager who have shouldered the financial responsibility in order to effect this tremendous undertaking; and, last but not the least, to the South China Athletic Association who sponsored the scheme and carried the burden of the local pecuniary arrangements.

MANAGER REPLIES

Replying for the Corinthians, Mr. Tom Smith said:

I would first of all like to tell you why we did not come out here by the invitation of the Hong Kong Football Association. It is all due to a series of incidents which happened a year ago. My daughter who is keen on sports, went to the Olympic Games and on her return suggested to me that the American football team be asked to go to England.

Usually when a team visits England it is those managing who have to dig pretty deeply into their pockets. However, while there she was greatly impressed by the Chinese football team. Englishmen admire pluck and perseverance and she was struck by the fact that the Chinese team had fought their way across the world to play football in Europe.

ARSENAL HAD LEARNED

When the Chinese team played in England on the Arsenal ground, Mr. Allison, the Arsenal manager, said that the Arsenal themselves had learned something by the way the Chinese had played. Beside being good footballers they proved themselves good sports and gentlemen. We got to know them and we admired them, and it was really a great pleasure to take them around. They did appreciate what little we did for them.

After their departure back to their own country, it was the suggestion of Mr. Wong Ka-tsun that an English side go out East. I thought it a joke. But Mr. Wong after me great thought asked me why not go out the same way as the Chinese had done and work their way. It did not seem feasible at the time, but after 12 months of work, I got a scheme together.

OPPOSITION TO TRIP

It was not acceptable, however, for the Press, the Football Association and practically every club was against the idea. Their reasons were first, why should a poor club like the Islington Corinthians take on the tour, secondly, that the side would never be able to play football good enough to uphold the standards of English football, and lastly that we would be stranded half way round the world and they would have to come to our rescue and bring us back again.

We offered to back the scheme financially, but they turned it down. All they turned down was the fact that they did not want their name in the scheme. Before anything was decided we had to submit plans and finances arranged before they would make up their minds.

MR. STOKES

I travelled to London for a meeting of the Football Association and there submitted my plans. One of your members Mr. Stokes was there, but I was not introduced to him. I introduced myself across the table. Mr. Stokes agreed that the Corinthians would be very welcome out East and after two hours of cross-examination, the Chairman of the Association came to me and said that mine was a pioneer effort and wished me success.

We have had a lot of trouble with finance. I have had to call on many of my friends and now I am afraid I have lost them. I admit that I am a poor business man, but I have the satisfaction of knowing that the tour has been an unqualified success. Success, not only in playing but in the splendid way in which the boys of my party have behaved off the field.

Our idea was to show that we were not "pot-hunting," but giving a demonstration of the game as played in England. The boys have been such good mixers that they have left nothing but friendship wherever they have been. I have definite views how football should be played.



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In Holland we were three goals behind, but before the end of the game we had made the score 4-3. In Singapore we were two goals behind but finally won three to two. They have never lost a match until the last whistle has blown. It is that spirit which is the making of any team.

THE BALL

There is one matter upon which I should like to touch, and that is about the ball. We are familiar with the balls that are used in England, and we had heard that out East the grounds were hard and the balls light. We were out to give a demonstration of the game as played in England, and for such we had to use the kind of ball we were used to. In India some of the balls were totally unfit for play. Now that we have shown you what we can do with our ball, we are perfectly willing to play with yours. (Laughter).

I must pay tribute to the sportsmanship of Mr. Lee Wai-tong and the others of the Chinese team. Just before the game last Saturday when Mr. Lee came into our dressing room and said that his team was willing to play with our ball, I thought that that was a perfect example of true sportsmanship.

PLAY AGAIN

We are going to the Philippine islands, and when we return, we have arranged to replay the Chinese team again. Last Saturday the team was all wrong. The team which played in London really played nice football. I think they were suffering from something like stagefright.

All these remarks are just to show that we really came to Hong Kong in reply to the visit of the Chinese team to London.

I would like to thank the Hong Kong Football Association for all that has been done for us, and I hope that this is not our last visit but is one which will give way to another. An amateur side from England would do a lot of good.

Among other speakers were Mr. Wong Ka-tsun, Mr. P. B. Clark, captain of the Islington Corinthians, and Mr. Lee Wai Tong.

**Colonel Irwin's
Talk On
The Black-Out**

12-12.20 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.
12.30 p.m.—Songs by Tino Rossi (Tenor).
Un Violin Dans La Nuit (Bisio, Varna, Marc-Cab).
La Serenade A Lena (Scotto, Varna, Marc-Cab).
O Corse Ile D'Amour (Roger-Scotto).
12.40 p.m.—Orchestre Raymond Delibes In Vienna (arr. Walter).
Only A Rose (from "The Vagabond King").
Song Of The Vagabonds (from "The Vagabond King").
The Dancing Clock (Ewing).
Poupee Valsante (Poldini).

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

An Unusual Play

"Dear Mr. Culbertson: Knowing your appreciation of unusual plays, I am sending herewith a hand that occurred in a recent team of four match. The contract at both tables was the same, as was also the opening lead. One declarer, however, fulfilled the contract with two overtricks, while the other went down two tricks. The 860 point swing was the deciding factor in the contest. It seemed to me that the successful player deserved a lot of credit for his play, but I should like to have your opinion on this point.

South, dealer.

North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

S.—J 7 4 3
H.—9 6 4
D.—K Q 9 8
C.—J 7

WEST EAST

S.—Q 10 9 5 2 S.—8
H.—7 2 H.—K Q J 10 3
D.—A J 10 5 4 D.—7 6 3 2
C.—9 C.—K 8 4

SOUTH

S.—A K 6
H.—A 8 5
D.—None
C.—A Q 10 6 5 3 2

The bidding:

South West North East
1 club 1 spade Pass 2 hearts
3 clubs 3 diamonds Double Pass
3 no trump Pass Pass Pass

"At both tables the seven of hearts was opened, and both declarers allowed East's ten to hold the trick. At one table the heart continuation was allowed to hold. The third round was won with the ace, and now this declarer, obviously despairing of reaching the dummy for a club finesse, could see only one chance for contract, namely, to lead the club ace, in the hope that either the king would fall or that West would have to win a club continuation and, having no hearts, would have to give the lead back to declarer in either spades or diamonds. Since the club king was with East, this plan naturally failed. East took the lead on the second round of clubs, cashed his two good hearts and then, having every suit doubly stopped.

To-day's Wireless

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1 p.m.—Local Time Signal & Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Lalo—Symphonie Espagnole For Violin And Orchestra, Op. 21. Played by Bronislav Huberman (Violin) and the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Georg Szell.
1.30 p.m.—Rugby Press; Weather Forecast & Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Sea Shanties. Sung by the Portsmouth Royal Naval Singers conducted by C. T. Lee, B.S.C., R.N.
1.50 p.m.—Webster Booth (Tenor) and Frances Day (Soprano).

'Home And Beauty' (C. B. Cochran's Coronation Revue) Webster Booth with Magda Neeld and Janet Lind.

Stay With Me For Ever ('Giuditta'—Lehar).

Vienna, City Of My Dreams (Sieczynski) Webster Booth.

Me And My Dog (film 'Public Nuisance No. 1'—Ellis).

Swing (film 'Public Nuisance No. 1'—Ellis) Frances Day.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.

7 p.m.—Dance Music.

7.25 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.

7.30 p.m.—London Relay—'Food for Thought': Three short talks on matters of topical interest.

7.50 p.m.—Studio—Colonel Irwin, D.S.C., M.C., G.S.O.1; a talk on 'Black Out'.

8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Studio—Recital by Elvie Yuen (Soprano) with The Very Rev. Father Riganti at the Piano.

1. Son Pochi Fiori (L'Amico Fritz'—Mascagni).

2. On Wings of Song (Mendelssohn).

3. The Lotus Flower (Schumann).

Elvie Yuen.

4. Blumenstück, Op. 19 (Schumann).

Father Riganti.

5. In quelle trine morboide ('Manon Lescaut'—Puccini).

6. Ebben? Ne andro lontana ('La Wally'—Catalani) Elvie Yuen.

8.25 p.m.—Russian Programme with Ruth Litvin (Piano) from the Studio Doubinushka (arr. Rimsky-Korsakov).

Polovtsi March ('Prince Igor'—Borodin) London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Albert Coates.

**Relay From
U.S.A.
"America Speaks"**

Song Of Prince Galitsky ('Prince Igor'—Borodin).
In The Town Of Kasan ('Boris Godunov'—Moussorgsky).

Theodore Charlapine (Bass).
The Lark (Glinka-Balakireff).
Serenade (Borodin).

Dounka—Russian rustic scene (Tchaikovsky).

Ruth Litvin from the Studio. Islamay—Oriental Fantasy (Balakireff, arr. Casella). New Symphony Orchestra conducted by Eugene Goossens.

Musical Box (Liadoff). Polichinelle (Rachmaninoff). Ruth Litvin from the Studio.

Prince Igor (Borodin)—Peasants' Chorus.

Russian Cherubic Hymn (Vorotnikoff) Sorokin Russian Choir.

Four Russian Folk Dances (Ladow) Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.50 p.m.—Beethoven—Concerto In D Major, Op. 61. Played by Fritz Kreisler (Violin) and The London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by John Barbirolli.

10.35 p.m.—Songs by Herbert Janssen (Baritone).

Widmung 'Du Meine Seele' (Ruckert-Schumann).

The Lotus Flower (Heine-Schumann). All Souls' Day, Op. 10, No. 8 (von Gilm-R. Strauss) Piano accomp. by Gerald Moore.

10.45 p.m.—Military Band Music. Marche Lorraine (Ganne).

Belphegor, Quick March (Brepant). Marching With Sousa Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards cond. by Capt. George Miller.

11 p.m.—London Relay—'America Speaks'—1. A series of talks broadcast from U.S.A. to the British Empire. The intention of the talks is to give in broad outline a picture of the developing problems of America and of the solutions to them which are being tried and proposed. Well-known figures in the public life of the United States are being invited to take part.

11.20 p.m.—Close down.

What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE ORIENTAL—"Robber Baron", with Edward Arnhold, Gary Grant, Frances Farmer and Jack Oakie. Based on the life of Jim Fisk this picture is a gripping and entertaining dramatic romance, its high emotional appeal being its love theme, the courtship of fascinating Josie Mansfield by a financier.

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AT THE STAR—"Wild Money." When a penny-pinching accountant suddenly finds himself on the spending end of things, he is liable to go off the handle—especially if the mean one in question happens to be Edward Everett Horton. Supporting the star in his mad career are Louise Campbell, Lynne Overman, Porter Hall, Esther Dale and Lucien Littlefield.

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AT THE KING'S—"The Painted Veil", with Greta Garbo, Herbert Marshall, George Brent, Warner Oland and Jean Hersholt. Somerset Maughan's much discussed novel, in which Greta Garbo gives one of the best performances of her career.

AT THE MAJESTIC—"Thirty Days Princess", with Sylvia Sidney and Cary Grant. Sylvia Sidney is cast as the little actress who was hired to impersonate a princess, and wound up wishing that she were a real princess, so that she could hold the love of the handsome newspaper publisher. Miss Sidney is easy to look at, beautifully garbed, and refreshingly witty.

AT THE QUEEN'S—"Prescription for Romance", with Wendy Barrie, Kent Taylor, Micha Auer and Dorothée Kent. A comedy, the background of which is laid in Budapest, relates the romantic adventure of an American embezzler seeking safety there and ending as the object of a fight for his affection by a woman doctor and his sweetheart.

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Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, No. 1 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, on Saturday, the 26th February 1938, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1937.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Monday the 14th February to Saturday the 26th February 1938 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the
Board of Directors.

V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 7th February, 1938.

THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-ninth Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, on Thursday, 10th March 1938, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December 1937 and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 26th February to 10th March 1938, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Friday the 11th March, 1938, AT 11 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1937.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, the 4th March 1938, to Friday, the 11th March, 1938, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of
Directors,

F. H. CRAPNELL,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 21st February, 1938.



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19th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd and
26th February, 1938.

On Saturday 19th, Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd February, the first bell will be rung at 11 a.m., and the first race will be run at 11.30 a.m. On Saturday, 26th February, the first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

The tiffin interval will be after the fifth race on the first four days of the Meeting.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND
ENCLOSURES.

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax—or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively) are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a member, such member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27794) WILL CLOSE AT 10.00 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 12.00 NOON ON THE FIFTH DAY.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy, Tel. 21920.

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The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tiffins will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

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By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 14th February, 1938.

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EGYPT INTERVENES

Cairo, To-day.

The Egyptian Cabinet has decided to approach the British Government with a request under Article 6 of the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty to participate in the forthcoming Anglo-Italian talks.

Reason is that the Egyptian Government understands that certain questions closely affecting Egypt will be discussed. — Reuter.

ST. STEPHEN'S NEW PREP. SCHOOL TO BE OPENED

The new Preparatory School at St. Stephen's College, Stanley, is to opened officially on Saturday next, March, 5.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffry Northcote, is to perform the ceremony and will, at the same time, unveil the tablet of the names of the donors of the new school buildings.

TORIES RALLY ROUND

London, To-day.

It is reported that the Conservative Foreign Affairs Parliamentary Committee met last evening and expressed their wholehearted support of the Prime Minister's policy and their wishes for his success.

An offer of resignation on the part of Officers of the Committee in view of the abstention of two of them from the division on the Opposition's vote of censure on Tuesday night was not accepted by the Committee. — British Wireless.

RUMANIAN REFERENDUM

Bucharest, To-day.

Yesterday's referendum was not preceded by any propaganda by the Rumanian Government.

There were no disorders in any part of the country.

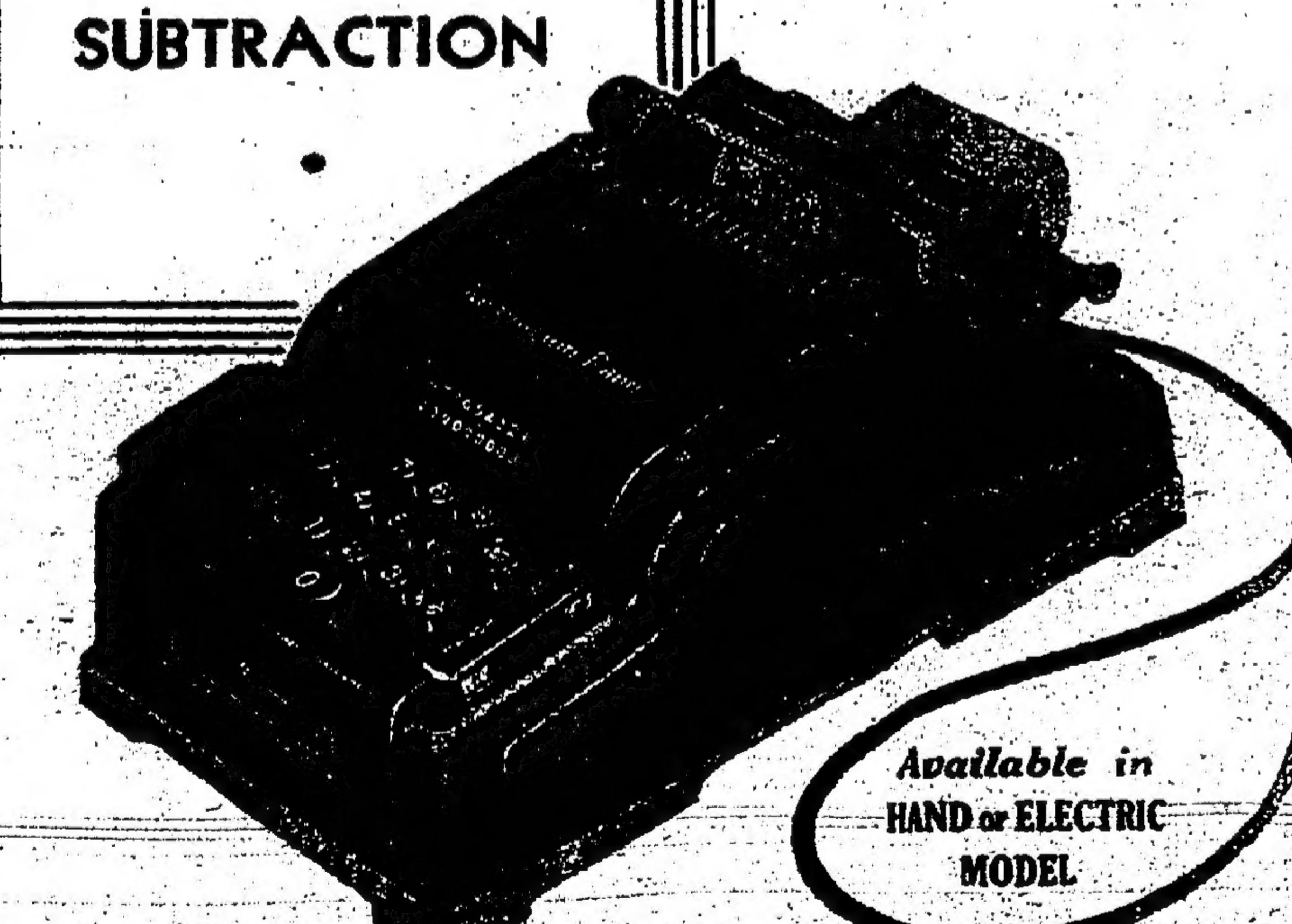
The official results will be announced on Saturday morning in the Royal Palace, when King Carol and the Premier will deliver speeches. — Trans-Ocean.

Sir Geoffry Northcote is giving an official dinner for the Chinese Justices of the Peace and others on Wednesday next.

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LORD AND LADY PLUNKET KILLED IN CRASH

Los Angeles, To-day.

Lord and Lady Plunket, well-known in London Society, together with the pilot of the plane, were killed in an air crash near San Luis aerodrome yesterday, according to the secretary of the newspaper magnate, William Randolph Hearst.

Lady Plunket was the widow of Capt. Jack Barnato, an R.A.F. officer, and married Lord Plunket in 1922.

The pilot, P. J. Phillips, was flying a cabin monoplane owned by Mr. Hearst.

He lost his way in thick fog which was blanketing the coast all day while taking a party of guests to Mr. Hearst's ranch at San Simeon from Los Angeles.

LANDING IN GLOOM

The plane crashed while trying to land in the gloom near San Simeon private airport.

Lord and Lady Plunket were trapped in the cabin and the pilot and another English passenger, James Lawrence, were thrown clear. The pilot was fatally injured while Lawrence was seriously injured. — Reuter.

JAPANESE CLAIM PROGRESS IN SHANTUNG

Tokyo, To-day.

Official reports claim that the Japanese troops in Shantung east of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway are continuing their advance southwards, not only along the coast but also along the line running about midway between the railway and the coast.

Jihchao, about midway between Tsingtao and Haichow, has been captured, as previously rumoured. — Trans-Ocean.

WUCHOW DOGFIGHT THIS MORNING

Wuchow, To-day.

A squadron of Japanese planes passed Shaohing early this morning heading towards Wuchow, where a dog-fight took place when Chinese planes went up to engage the invaders. The air battle lasted for about twenty minutes and the invaders abandoned their mission. Two or three bombs were dropped but Wuchow suffered very little. — Hua Nan.

NEW D.M.S. ARRIVING

The Colony's new Director of Medical Services, Dr. P. Selwyn-Clarke, M.C., and Mrs. Selwyn-Clarke are arriving in the Colony next Wednesday.

It is understood that they will stay for a few days at Government House.

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